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Election plunges Greece into crisis

From George Coats in Athens

Greece was thrust deeper into the worst political crisis since the 1960s yesterday, when the major opposition party refused to recognise the constitutionality of Parliament's election of a new head of state.

Far from removing the presidency from the political arena, the election of the government-backed and sole candidate, Mr Christos Sartzetakis, by the minimum parliamentary margin required has pushed Mr Sartetakis into the centre of a political and constitutional confrontation.

Mr Sartzetakis accepted his election as President, and pledged to serve the country impartially "as President of all the Greeks." The speaker

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of Parliament, Mr Michael Stephanides, told reporters waiting outside the building: "He has accepted to oversee the country and pledges to serve Greece in an objective and impartial fashion."

The atmosphere of the special parliamentary session was already heated before balloting began; when deputies of the conservative opposition New Democracy Party protested volubly against the use of coloured ballot papers.

This led to a heated confrontation between the Prime Minister, Mr Papandreou, and the new Democracy leader, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, during which Mr Papandreou questioned both the constitution, which he stigmatised as "one party," and the constitutional requirement for a secret ballot on the presidency, saying that it was "unacceptable that such an important decision or vote be secret."

But New Democracy denounced the result, which gave a victory to Mr Sartzetakis, because it was achieved with the vote of Mr Yiannis Alevras, the former president of Parliament, who assumed the role of acting head of state when Mr Karamanlis resigned prematurely earlier this month.

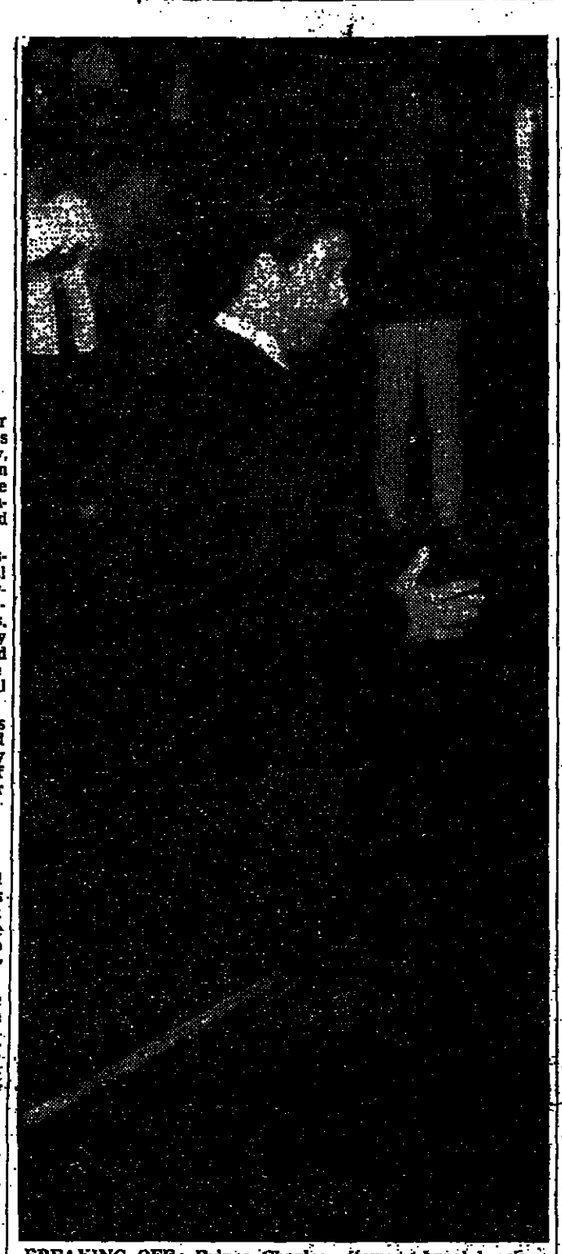
New Democracy claimed that in his new position Mr Alevras could not exercise the rights of a parliamentarian, but the Government, reversing its earlier intention to take the advice of constitutional experts on the question, brought it to Parliament, where its majority ensured that Mr Alevras was enfranchised.

Mr Sartzetakis needed 180 votes yesterday to be elected, or three-fifths support, and he got just that with Mr Alevras's vote.

The result left people in central Athens streets visibly confused. Crowds of government supporters waited tensely as the balloting took place, and later gathered around kiosks waiting for special editions of the newspapers. Heated discussions and isolated scuffles broke out.

But the stakes for the Gov-

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BREAKING OFF: Prince Charles attempts breakdancing at a disco in Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, yesterday, during a visit to a course for unemployed youths organised by the Prince's Trust

Football Association chiefs react angrily to date switch 'order'

Government's anti-hooligan move backfires

By David McKie, David Lacey and Paul Keel

The Government's first initiative on controlling soccer violence immediately ran into opposition from politicians and the football authorities yesterday, who reacted angrily to the sports minister's attempt to change the date of the England-Scotland fixture.

The request from the minister, Mr Neil Macfarlane, that the Football Association should reconsider the timing of the friendly at Wembley on the May 25 Bank Holiday was being greeted last night as a meddlesome order from Downing Street which had achieved nothing in terms of solving the problem of crowd violence and had cast an unwarranted slur on the reputation of Scottish fans.

Yesterday's furore, which augurs badly for Monday's meeting between Mrs Thatcher and the FA to discuss ways of curbing soccer hooliganism, arose over the announcement that the May 25 fixture is to be switched from Wembley to Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Although the Government was insisting that it was not committed to any specific intervention was seen as having left the FA with little choice.

Earlier this week Mr Macfarlane sent a letter to the FA in which he wrote: "The Government is extremely concerned that the current timing of this fixture increases the risk of disorder and this is something which the Prime Minister is also likely to raise with you."

It was the Scottish Football Association which solved the FA's dilemma by offering to stage the fixture at Hampden Park, but neither they nor their English counterparts were happy about the matter yesterday.

Mr Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said the wording of the minister's letter had left them with no choice. "We certainly have no joy in making this decision. It has been forced upon us and is a very sad testimony to the state of the world we live in."

Mr Ernie Walker, secretary

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of the Scottish FA, said of the letter: "It could be construed as an instruction rather than a request."

The Government clearly feared a repeat of the trouble which marred the 1977 game at Wembley when Scottish fans went on the rampage. But it has caused offence by overlooking the Scottish fans' good record for behaviour over the past six years and appearing to shift the current problem of English supporters' hooliganism.

The political reaction to the Government's action was sharply split from both sides of the House of Commons. Mr Denis Howell, the shadow sports minister, described it as "totally inexplicable."

He said: "I think it is one of the most extraordinary things I've come across for a long, long time. What the Government is doing is surrendering. It is running away and declaring no-go areas for football matches."

Speaking on BBC Radio yesterday, Mr Howell said the Government had no right to intervene in the way that it had. "It is not the Government's job to say we can not have sport in England, we can only have it in Scotland."

Mr Gordon Brown, Labour MP for Dunfermline East, described the move as a gross over-reaction and "an insult to Scottish fans." He said they were paying the price for the Government's crackdown on English soccer violence.

There was little comfort for the Government from its own backbenches. Mr Richard Holt, MP for Langbaurgh, said he was appalled by the action. "I think the Government has made a mistake and should reconsider the position.

"I shall write to the sports minister, Neil Macfarlane, calling on him to reconsider the decision. I want to know what caused this — whether it was pressure from the police, the football authorities, or is it merely a ministerial whim?"

In response to the protests from MPs, Mr Allan Stewart, the Scottish office minister responsible for sport, said in the House that the Government had not been consulted over the choice of venue.

"The change of venue was not intended to reflect on Scottish supporters, whose recent behaviour has been exemplary. It is an acknowledgement of the behaviour of Scottish football fans that the match has been transferred to Hampden," he said.

But last night Mr Charles Brent, chairman of the Scottish division of the National

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Gaol soccer thugs —Brittan

By David McKie

The Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, yesterday called on magistrates to hand out custodial sentences for violent offences at or near football grounds. He also suggested that where such sentences were not appropriate, magistrates should ensure that offenders were kept away from the terraces on Saturday afternoons.

In a speech read to a meeting of magistrates at Plymouth by his wife — Mr Brittan had been unable to attend because of the hijack incident at Heathrow — the Home Secretary referred to the advice given by the Court of Appeal to lower courts.

This said: "Unless there are exceptional mitigating circumstances — and it is not easy to see what they could be — youths between the ages of 17 and 21 who are convicted of any offence involving violence towards police officers and others trying to maintain order, or to spectators who are not themselves involved, should receive a custodial sentence."

In most cases a short detention centre order should be adequate, but if a weapon had been used or a disabling injury inflicted, or there was evidence that the convicted person was addicted to the use of violence, a youth custody order would be appropriate."

In less serious cases, where a custodial sentence was not necessary, magistrates should bear in mind the basic preventive aim of keeping the offender away from future matches, the Home Secretary suggested.

Where the case was adjourned and the offender granted bail, the court could impose conditions requiring him not to attend matches and to report to a police station at the relevant times. "This will often be a sensible condition to impose," he said.

For those convicted, in the case of young offenders, there was the attendance centre sen-

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Next week

Monday

FALKLANDS FUTURE
'For us, what the conflict is about is the self determination of ourselves.' Agenda seeks a constitutional alternative that is both practical and principled.

FAMILY FABLES
David Leavitt dreaded coming out. But the New Yorker got more fan mail than it had for a decade. Arts Guardian on a remarkable literary debut.

WEIGHTY MATTERS
The fatty fallacy exposed — at last big can be beautiful. Guardian Women reports and . . .

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. . . meets Susie Orbach, who turned fat into a feminist issue and took on traditional therapists

CLASS CONFLICTS
How to assess teachers when no one agrees on what makes a good one? Expand and discuss. Education Guardian.

Wednesday

PLASHY PARADISE
The EEC could turn marshlands into a conservationist's delight. Society Tomorrow dream up a plan.

ASSIGNMENT SOHO
Guardian Women picture the comunity behind the bright lights.

STAGE STRUCK
Chicago is bursting at the theatrical seams. Arts Guardian reports.

TGWU faces more poll-rigging protests

By Keith Harper, Labour Editor

The Transport and General Workers' Union—struggling to contain the crisis caused by a proven case of ballot-rigging in one of its branches—now faces a rash of fresh allegations covering more branches.

The new complaints of ballot-rigging in the election to choose Mr Moss Evans' successor as TGWU general secretary involve branches in London and Liverpool as well as in the union's troubled south-western area, where complaints in the Bristol 3/174 branch—with 1,700 members—were recently upheld.

The investigation in Bristol has caused considerable dis-

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quiet within the union, although Mr Evans has insisted that it is an isolated case. Since then, further complaints have come to light in one of the union's north London bus branches.

In Liverpool, Mr Alec Kitson, the union's deputy general secretary, has been holding informal talks with members who have expressed dissatisfaction with the way in which the ballot was conducted there.

Mr Evans was interviewed this week by members of Bristol fraud squad in connection with the union's inquiry into the way in which the ballot was held in 3/174 branch. The inquiry began after individual members of the union informed the police of their disquiet. The police are still continuing their inquiries and were shown documents which are reported in today's Guardian.

Mr Evans, who is due to retire in June, is anxious to leave the union in good order without these investigations hanging over it. But it could be some time before they are completed.

At the moment, there is no suggestion of a re-run of the general secretary's ballot. By themselves, the misdemeanours proved in Bristol had no effect on the outcome of the election, in which Mr Ron Todd, the union's national organiser, defeated Mr George Wright, the Welsh regional secretary, by nearly 40,000 votes.

Investigations into the new complaints will be held. If they are sustained, pressure within the union would begin to build up for a new election. A re-run election would be unprecedented. The TGWU prides itself in its democracy. In elections of this nature, involving as they do a potential of nearly 1.5 million members, tampering with the ballot papers is not only possible, but happens.

Mr Evans has appealed to any member who feels that the ballot was not properly conducted to come forward and says that any complaint will be fully investigated. Apart from the Bristol case, and the incident at the North London bus garage, he says that so far only one other complaint had been received. That was from a member of the union's agricultural workers' section in Kent.



Christos Sartzetakis — at centre of row

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Don't give up pill'

A CANCER specialist yesterday said that a WHO report on the link between the pill and cervical cancer confirmed earlier warnings, but he warned women not to risk unwanted pregnancy by giving up the pill. Back page.

Grand National

FORTY runners set off this afternoon in an effort to land the first prize of £54,314 in the Seagram Grand National at Aintree. It is estimated that over £40 million will be wagered on the outcome. Page 15.

'Cut red tape'

AS Spain and Portugal were admitted to the EEC Mrs Thatcher yesterday spoke out in Brussels on the need to cut red tape in the community. Page 6.

Clocks forward

BRITISH summer time begins at 1am on Sunday, when clocks should be put forward one hour.

The weather

CLOUDY with rain at times. Details, back page.

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Pressure rises for Nacods strike ballot

By Paul Hoyland and John Ardill

Pressure was growing yesterday for a strike ballot of the pit deputies union Nacods over the closures of Bedwas colliery in South Wales and Frances in Scotland, and National Coal Board attitudes following the miners' strike.

A call by the union's South Wales area for a national ballot

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will be considered by the national executive on Monday.

The South Wales area wants a ballot over its claims that the NCB is closing Bedwas pit near Caerphilly without proper consultations. The pit's NUM branch has accepted closure against branch officials' advice.

Nacods believes, following an NCB letter on Wednesday, that the board intends to close pits damaged by neglect during the miners' strike without consultation.

The NCB says Nacods misinterpreted its letter which was sent to all mining unions. On Thursday, Nacods' general secretary, Mr Peter McNestry, failed to get a High Court injunction preventing closures until an already-agreed new review procedure is introduced.

Mr McNestry said yesterday the new procedure was being dishonoured in spite of assurances by the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, and NCB chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, that it was sacrosanct. "We, the nation, and Parliament have been hoodwinked," he said.

The letter said pit problems caused by the strike were being urgently assessed. "It is clear that in many locations, damage has occurred which will take months to recover. In some circumstances, where the cost of recovery cannot be supported by a viable long-term future, the damage may be judged to be permanent and irreparable.

"While detailed assessments are being made, the board are taking immediate action to reduce costs by means of voluntary and consequential redundancy. The transfer scheme will also form part of the post-strike recovery strategy.

"Management will make every endeavour to give as detailed an assessment as practicable about the state of indi-

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Peter McNestry — 'We've been hoodwinked'

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Maori to be governor of New Zealand

From Ian Templeton in Wellington

The Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, in a break with tradition, yesterday announced the appointment of the outspoken Anglican Archbishop of New Zealand, Paul Reeves, as Governor-General. He will be the first person of Maori descent to hold the post.

The archbishop, aged 53, is a controversial figure because of his liberal views on social and political issues. He opposes nuclear proliferation, an issue which has brought the Lange Labour government into sharp conflict with the United States.

He belongs to the Te Atiawa tribe of Taranaki, and his ancestors lost land after wars with the white settlers. With the Maori sense of grievance over land a touchy political issue, the appointment could signal a fresh effort to heal wounds.

Archbishop Reeves, who is also Bishop of Auckland, is the first Anglican archbishop to hold the post. He takes over the largely symbolic position in succession to Sir David Beattie in November and will give up his church posts in September.

Mr Lange said the archbishop, son of a tram driver, had had a distinctively New Zealand career. "The characteristic of dignity which has marked his whole career could not be more fittingly expressed than in the office of Governor-General of New Zealand," he said.

Mr Lange flies to Africa today on a five-country visit aimed at repairing relations with black countries damaged by sporting ties between New Zealand and South Africa.

He leaves immediately after making a final plea to the New Zealand Rugby Union council to abandon plans for the All Blacks to tour South Africa.

But he is expected to be in the air when the union announces whether or not it will send the All Blacks to South Africa in August. Whatever the decision, it will affect his reception in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana.

The Prime Minister will tell the Rugby Union today that the tour could be disastrous for New Zealand.

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...and why can't a man be more like a woman?

By David Rose

THE TROUBLE with men is that they need to become more like real women, a conference was told yesterday.

Introducing the Men, Sex and Relationships Conference, organised by the Family Planning Association, Mr Paul Boateng, a Labour member of the Greater London Council, said that men should undergo "an androgyny shift."

Mr Boateng told the conference that he personally was firmly androgynous. By following his example men could "overcome the barriers of masculine and feminine stereotypes" and explore ways of being "both tough and tender," although not, he was at pains to stress, in the manner intended by Dr David Owen.

Mr Boateng's initial address set the tone for the proceedings, as one by one each speaker affirmed their own androgyny.

Introducing a video intended to be shown to young "predominantly working class" people, actors Mr John Alderton and his wife, Ms Pauline Collins, said that they had fallen in love because he was good at weeping. According to Mr Alderton, "the chemicals in tears are so good for you, they're too good to be left for only the women."

Dr James Hemming, a psychologist said that it was not true that men had uncontrollable animal urges: certain African tribes were so well adjusted sexually that premarital pregnancy and rape were unknown.

The fault was modern social conditioning, which generated "child molestation, gang rape, incest, necrophilia, sexual sadism and other perversions which are not found in simple societies."

Later, however, Dr Hemming seemed to take a different line in the nature versus nurture argument. Biology did suggest "that men and women are programmed differently for their sexual roles," so men were often satisfied by desire fulfilled alone, whereas women "usually need to feel loved as well as desired."

***But, he insisted, Elizabeth* Taylor had been right in saying that tenderness and "givingness" were a man's sexiest qualities. Now, in what Dr Hemming called "a *post-prudish society*," it was time for "the union of two people on all planes, total togetherness, the androgynous relationship, which is the only satisfying relationship which has the capacity to ensure."**

How could this be achieved? Dr Hemming said: "I cannot go into all that this involves, but it certainly requires plenty of working together."

Young men should, for example, learn to understand women better: "They know nothing about the possible emotional correlates of menstruation, nor that gentleness and understanding during a period of pre-menstrual tension can profoundly deepen a relationship."

Cook's complaint exposed union poll-rigging

Keith Harper reports on TGWU documents revealing a seamy side to branch ballot for top post



From left, Moss Evans, TGWU general secretary, Ron Todd, general secretary-designate, and the man he beat in the election, which is now the centre of controversy, George Wright

AN ISOLATED complaint by a cook at Cotham Grammar School in Bristol has led to one of the most intensive investigations into ballot rigging ever carried out by the Transport and General Workers Union.

The investigation, which covered the conduct of the ballot in last year's election to find a new TGWU general secretary is revealed in internal union documents which have been received by the Guardian.

The inquiry now involves the fraud squad which has been carrying out investigations into how the ballot was conducted.

The Bristol complaintant was Mrs J. Andrews, who wrote to the TGWU's regional secretary, Mr Ron Nethercott, saying that during the period of the ballot her membership card had been stamped GS indicating that she had voted for the general secretary's position.

Her letter went on: "I can assure you that I have not voted in this ballot. I am also aware of several other members in the same branch who have their cards marked GS and they have not voted either. I believe the credibility of this union is sinking to all-time low. Perhaps you would investigate the conduct of this ballot and take any necessary action?"

This was duly carried out under union rules by the TGWU's regional committee in a series of confidential interviews. It examined the returns of the 1,732 members attached to 3/74 branch and was satisfied that the union's rules were breached.

The immediate action was to declare void voting in the branch for the general secretary's election which was eventually won by Mr Ron Todd, who is due to succeed Mr Evans in June.

The events in Bristol by themselves would have made no difference to the overall results in which Mr Todd defeated his nearest rival, Mr George Wright, by nearly 40,000 votes.

When the inquiry was completed Mr Nethercott wrote to Mr Evans to say that there was no doubt that all the cards were stamped irregularly. The letter from Mr Nethercott says that those responsible were Mr Paul Chamberlain, a local official, and Ms Ann Sellars, a branch official. "On different occasions they have accused one another of being responsible, on other occasions have admitted doing it themselves," states Mr Nethercott's letter.

His letter says that the regional committee, through interviews with shop stewards, established that a minimum of 12 ballot boxes was returned to the TGWU regional office at Bristol. These boxes, and possibly more, says the letter, found themselves into Mr Chamberlain's office, but only four were handed to the scrutineers. "Certainly, therefore, a minimum of eight boxes went missing."

Mr Nethercott goes on to say that on the second day of the ballot another official Mr John Swain, was seen bringing in the ballot boxes to the scrutineers. "These boxes should not have been in his possession but in the strongroom." According to Mr Nethercott's letter Mr Swain later admitted that some of the boxes were opened.

In a further development, Mr Geoff Wood, a member of the TGWU office staff was assisting on the first floor of the building when Mr John Swain appeared with the ballot boxes. Mr Nethercott's letter to Mr Evans said that Mr Swain opened them in front of Mr Wood "and removed ballot papers which he then commenced to replace with papers he had marked. Brother Wood protested and was told obscenely to mind his own business."

The main sufferer of the Bristol ballot appeared to be Mr George Wright. Mr Todd's main opponent. According to a statement from Mr Wood in the documents, Mr Wood confirmed that Mr Swain had entered an office "and removed ballot papers marked in favour of Brother George Wright."

The statement from Mr Wood said that Mr Swain proceeded to mark the ballot papers in favour of Mr Todd and placed them in a ballot box. "When Brother Wood questioned Brother Swain, Brother Swain told him to mind his own business and with obscenities told him it was their democracy and to keep his mouth shut."

Mr Nethercott's letter explains that the issue came to light when several members noticed their membership cards had been issued with the GS stamp on them. Action has since been taken against Ms Sellars, Mr Swain and Mr Chamberlain following an internal inquiry and Mr Nethercott's letter says the matter should be dealt with very firmly in order to re-establish the credibility of the union in the region.

The documents show that the three accused of misdemeanours in the branch wrote to Mr Evans after the regional committee had completed its inquiry and before the TGWU executive council considered the matter. Mr Chamberlain's letter to Mr Evans said that at no stage in the regional inquiry were accusations made against him. He said he made it clear that he had condoned the pre-stamping of the new membership cards with the GS stamp. "3/174 branch has some 1,700 members scattered in over 500 workplaces. I accepted the pre-stamping as a short cut."

His letter agrees that this was a breach of the union's rules. "But I will not accept that there was anything more sinister behind it than the sheer administrative difficulty of conducting a ballot in a large and scattered branch." He goes on: "When things go wrong, it is easy to point the finger. However, I doubt whether many branches would have stood up to microscopic examination. Ballot boxes were flimsy, not enough stamps were issued."

In a similar letter to Mr Evans, Mr Swain said that he had never done anything to bring the union in to disrepute. He agreed that he had been involved in the general secretary's ballot and had offered assistance by making his car available. He had delivered and collected ballot forms.

"This I did by contacting the shop stewards at the workplace. Some of the workplaces did not return the documentation with a ballot box, but had just used the envelope, which also included all the other bits and pieces."

Ms Sellars' letter to Mr Evans is short. It simply places on record that she had never said to any individual or any group of people "anything that would imply that Mr Swain did anything wrong in the GS's ballot."

After the regional inquiry an examination of the matter by the TGWU executive council, Ms Sellars was banned from holding office, and Mr Swain and Mr Chamberlain were expelled from the union. They appealed against this decision but after a third inquiry the appeal was not upheld.

Tribunal cash deposit idea angers Labour

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

The Shadow Employment Secretary, Mr John Prescott, has condemned a suggestion that people claiming unfair dismissal should place a deposit with an industrial tribunal.

He claimed that the move would deter employees from seeking justice. "These proposals are preparing the way for more attacks on the rights of young people," he said.

Mr Chris Smith, the Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, described the idea as outrageous and promised that the Opposition would "go in with all guns blazing" if the Government attempted to introduce it.

The cash would be refunded or forfeited at the discretion of the tribunal.

The suggestion was among a number of measures aimed at reducing the red tape to which businesses are subjected, in a report, Burden on Business, launched by the Minister without Portfolio, Lord Young.

He has been ordered by the Prime Minister to cut the number of regulations governing companies and said that concerted action was vital to encourage the growth of businesses and hence the creation of jobs.

"I will be looking carefully with colleagues at the recommendation of the scrutiny report, and also at other options for deregulation affecting both large and small firms."

Apart from the restrictions on industrial tribunal appeals, other suggestions include simplifying building, fire and health and safety regulations, and the introduction of a greater degree of "self-certification" by businesses in weights and measure.

The report was warmly applauded by industry. Sir Terence Beckett, director general of the CBI, said that he was delighted that the Government had accepted the need to cut through red tape.

"This will lead to more investment and innovation, and ultimately more jobs," he said.



Lord Young: concerted action

Typhoid alert

It has been confirmed that a Sheffield girl is suffering from typhoid and parents of pupils at Rucklow first and middle schools have been told to watch for symptoms similar to those of 'flu.

Benefits test case sent to Europe

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

A judge has ordered that a test case affecting the right of 110,000 married women to claim benefits for looking after sick relatives be taken to the European Court of Justice

Judge Bromley, the chief social security commissioner, said yesterday there was a case to be heard that denying the benefit to married women broke an EEC directive against sexual discrimination.

Yesterday's decision followed a ruling by Judge Byrt, president of the social security appeals tribunal, that a married woman was entitled to a £20.50 a week invalid care allowance to look after her severely disabled mother.

The case had been brought by two charities on behalf of Mrs Jacqueline Drake, from Worsley, Manchester.

Until now invalid care allowance has only been available to men or single women who need to look after disabled relatives. It would cost £85 million a year if it was extended.

Mrs Drake argued that she had given up her job to look after her mother but her husband was expected to support her.

The DHSS had admitted that the benefit did discriminate against married women but said it was not within the scope of the EEC directive.

The department yesterday decided not to oppose a direction that the case should be taken to the European Court.

Mr Roger Smith, a solicitor for the Child Poverty Action Group charity, which brought the case with the Disability Alliance, yesterday welcomed the decision.

The sex of the person looking after someone disabled should not make any difference for benefit purposes, he said.

OBITUARY

Marc Chagall

MARC Chagall, the artist, has died in the South of France, aged 97. Appreciation, page 12.



WEIGHING IN — Henrietta Shaw, 22, the 6st 2lb cox for Cambridge in next Saturday's Boat Race, is held aloft by team mates John Barnard and Paddy Broughton. The daughter of Home Office minister Mr Giles Shaw, she is the first woman at the Cambridge helm and the lightest cox since 1939. Picture by Garry Weaser

MSC resists Government pressure

By David Hearst

The Manpower Services Commission yesterday told the Government that it would not be rushed into expanding the Youth Training Scheme into a two-year programme.

The commission has been asked to come up with its proposals by the end of June, but Mr Bryan Nicholson, the chairman, said it would not meet the deadline at the expense of doing a proper job. Speaking after a meeting of the commissioners to review the Government's proposals, Mr Nicholson said: "We want to be absolutely certain of maintaining and ensuring the quality of the training places, however much we wish to go fast."

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said he expected employers to make a major contribution to the second year of training but exactly how much has yet to be decided. Until key issues like this and the training wage, currently set at £26.25, had been decided, it would be impossible to say whether the extra grant set aside by Government, £125 million in 1986-87 and £300 million in 1987-88, would be enough.

The commission is setting up a series of working groups to draw up proposals for the funding and content of new places. The MSC is also reviewing the issue of how its schemes help trainees to get vocational qualifications, a move which reflects the increasing concern about the education content of the schemes.

Mr Nicholson said there was no evidence that the scheme was being exploited by small employers and called reports of widespread dissatisfaction among trainees with these schemes anecdotal.

Transport union gave NUM £492,000 loan

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

The NUM has received £492,900 in interest-free loans from the Transport and General Workers' Union since November, the High Court in London heard yesterday.

Mr Howard Page, representing the sequestrators, said that £58,000 had gone to the National Union of Mineworkers nationally and the rest to its areas. The union's assets were seized in October.

The sequestrators, Price Waterhouse, have written to the TGWU seeking more information about the loans. The National Union of Railwaymen had made a £100,000 loan to three NUM areas, the court heard. The NUR had earmarked £500,000 before receiving representations from the sequestrators.

Mr Page's report to Mr Justice Nicholls, based on 1,500 pages of documentation, was the fullest account of the NUM's attempts to keep its £9 million assets from the grasp of the English courts. It showed that the sequestrators had failed to gain control of more than £3,000 of the union's funds, although they and the receiver, Mr Michael Arnold had frozen most of its money transferred abroad.

The court heard that more than £250,000 in United States dollars sent to Switzerland by the NUM is likely to be returned to the English courts soon after an application by the Receiver to the Swiss courts a fortnight ago.

The Swiss judge gave the union until yesterday to oppose its payment to the receiver.

Mr Justice Nicholls was also told yesterday that judgment is expected shortly in the Dublin courts on the attempt by the sequestrators and Receiver to repatriate £2.7 million of NUM money frozen in a Bank of Ireland account.

Mr Arnold has already transferred £4.9 million into English jurisdiction from Nobis Finanz, Luxembourg. Of this, £4 million is being held on deposit as a security against any claim by the NUM against Nobis for the return of the money.

The remaining £900,000 has been set aside to pay the union's £200,000 contempt fine and to cover the costs of the sequestrators and receiver. Mr Page told the court that the sequestrators and receiver, Mr taking up the guarantee of the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, that the Government would cover any of their costs.

The sequestrators' report showed they had written to the 12 major clearing banks, 608 other deposit takers, 154 building societies, 553 local authorities, 21 NUM areas and 495 trade unions asking about the union's funds. Unsatisfactory replies had been received from 11 unions and none from 64.

Reservist killed by gunmen

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

A part-time member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary died last night after being shot by two gunmen at his garage in Rathfriland, County Down.

Mr John Bell, aged 34, was flown by helicopter to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast for emergency surgery after the daylight attack, but he died hours later from head and back wounds.

The attack was the second on Mr Bell, a father of two. In 1979, a bomb placed under his car was defused.

He decided to stay in the police force although he was a known target for the paramilitaries. Witnesses said that Mr Bell was working in his garage when a car pulled up outside.

Two men, carrying hand guns, got out and opened fire from close range, hitting him twice in the back and once in the head. They then fled in their vehicle.

Earlier this week, the IRA killed a soldier in a booby trap explosion in Belfast. Lance Corporal Anthony Dacre, 25, died when an army and police foot patrol was caught in a 20lb bomb blast in the Divis Flats area of West Belfast.



Mr John Bell: second attack

Contempt fine for Thames

Thames Television and a TV Eye editor, were fined yesterday for contempt in a programme which used confidential court documents as a source of information.

Thames were fined £500 and Mr Michael Townson £150. The programme centred on proceedings for adopting children in care when their parents objected. It featured a seven-year-old girl whose mother had been fighting to get her back.

Sir John Arnold, also imposed a one-month prison sentence in the High Court on the child's mother for contempt but suspended it provided she does not pester her daughter or her daughter's adoptive parents. He gave the mother's new husband a suspended three-month sentence on the same conditions.

Both had been in contempt of court orders to stay away from the girl, said the judge, who fined Mr Anthony Bennett, of Chipperfield, Harlow, Essex, £100 for contempt. He had given the mother a document relating to her daughter's adoption.

The proceedings were brought by the girl's adoptive parents who were not identified. The mother and her husband were also unidentified.

Radio waves found in check on NCCL phones

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Telephones at the South London headquarters of the National Council of Civil Liberties were emitting radio waves yesterday, according to bugging tests by a security consultant. The radio signals changed when incoming calls came through.

Mr Larry Gostlin, the NCCL general secretary, said yesterday that there was no conclusive proof that the telephones were bugged, but it was a worrying sign that the offices were under surveillance. He has written to Mrs Thatcher asking for her pesonal assurance that this was not so.

The tests were taken with an anti-eavesdropping device by Mr Gary Murray, a security consultant who has worked on contract for MI5. Accompanied by Mr Steve Norris, Conservative MP for East Oxford, and NCCL officials, he bought the device from a North London shop specialising in security equipment.

They took the initiative after the former MI5 officer, Cathy Massiter, alleged on a recent television programme that NCCL staff were targets for telephone taps.

A check showed that all the telephones, except Mr Gostin's private line, emitted radio waves. Tests on telephones in a next-door office proved negative though telephones in a nearby computer office registered similar waves. British Telecom engineers said they could not explain the phenomenon.

Mr Norris intends to ask questions about the matter in the Commons.

In reply to a letter from Mr Gostin, the Prime Minister's office yesterday repeated the Government's view that Lord Bridge, the chairman of the Security Commission who cleared MI5 after Miss Massiter's allegations, was completely independent.

But the letter did not refer to Mr Gostin's request for assurances that NCCL was not under surveillance.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Peace plan offered at shipyard

A PEACE plan which could end the occupation of Clydeside warship builders Yarrow was last night being studied by shop stewards. It involves the reinstatement of five suspended shop stewards.

The offer was proposed by the yard's management, whose 3,800 hourly-paid workers voted at a mass meeting earlier yesterday to continue the occupation they started on Tuesday.

The sit-in was originally in protest at the yard's sale by British Shipbuilders to GEC for £34 million—allegedly without proper consultation with the workers.

Talks with GEC were then promised, but at yesterday's mass meeting the workers said they would stay out until Yarrow withdrew the suspension of five senior shop stewards, who were suspended soon after the occupation was decided on.

Boy accused of railway murder

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy appeared before a special juvenile court in Northampton last night charged with the murder of social worker Janet Maddocks, whose body was found beside the railway line outside Northampton on Wednesday of last week after she boarded a Euston to Birmingham train. Mrs Maddocks, 35, lived in Institute Road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

The youth was remanded in custody until April 3. An order was made that he should not be identified.

Rail staff union rejects 5pc

THE Transport Salaried Staff Association has rejected British Rail's pay offer package of 5 per cent. The union is seeking a substantial increase and reduced hours.

The two manual unions, Aslef and NUR are to consider their response to the offer on Monday.

College buys war papers

CHURCHILL College, Cambridge, was the buyer of the political papers of Leslie Hore-Belisha, which fetched £19,800 at the London auctioneers, Phillips on Thursday.

Hore-Belisha was Secretary for War from 1937 to 1940. Money towards the Churchill College purchase came from the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Sequestrators pay NGA's fines

SEQUESTRATORS Price Waterhouse announced yesterday they had paid the National Graphical Association's High Court fines of £525,000 from the print union's assets.

The fines were imposed by the High Court in Manchester over the mass picketing at Warrington in 1983 of Mr Eddie Shah's Messenger newspaper group. The union's assets will shortly be unfrozen when the sequestrators submit their accounts.



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No-strike union wins right to sit on salary committees

Judge puts NUT grip on pay talks in danger

By Paul Keel

The National Union of Teachers' dominant influence in pay bargaining was threatened yesterday when the High Court awarded a rival union increased negotiating rights.

The Professional Association of Teachers, with 30,000 members, the smallest recognised teachers' union, won the right to sit on salary sub-committees and other working groups of the Burnham Committee, which negotiates teachers' pay.

The PAT, which opposes strikes, already had one delegate on the committee, but its access to important sub-committees had been blocked by the NUT, which represents 235,000 teachers in England and Wales.

Mr Justice MacPherson said in the High Court that it was fair and desirable that the PAT should be represented on all relevant sub-committees and that its exclusion was unfortunate.



Justice MacPherson — unfair to exclude minorities

The NUT majority on the Burnham teachers' panel was frustrating the intention of Parliament by refusing to accept that each union should be represented on sub-committees. Actions to exclude the PAT were unreasonable. "It is unjust and unfair and contrary to law, in my judgment, that minority voices should be excluded," said the judge.

The PAT had taken the issue to the High Court because the NUT, which has 16 delegates on the teachers' panel, had argued that on a proportional basis the PAT was not entitled to representation on the sub-committees.

After the court victory the PAT said that the NUT's power to halt pay negotiations by walking out of talks with employers on the salary structure working party had been diminished.

Mr Geoff Gospel, PAT's assistant general secretary, said: "It is a victory for the minority voice and a victory for common sense." He claimed that NUT members were deserting the union at the rate of 500 a week during the pay dispute and that soon its majority on the Burnham teachers' panel would be in doubt.

The NUT's deputy general secretary, Mr Doug McAvoy said: "We are not surprised about the judgment. The PAT were put on the Burnham Committee by the Secretary of State because he has the legal powers to do so.

"This judgment simply extends that provision to the composition of sub-committees. There is no change."

Church faces growing split on Jenkins

By Martyn Halsall
Churches Correspondent

More than a third of Church of England bishops could share doubts on the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection expressed by the Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev David Jenkins, it was claimed yesterday.

A 20,000-name petition calling for doctrinal orthodoxy in future appointments will be presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, at Lambeth Palace on Tuesday.

The Church's deepening doctrinal crisis — now on the agenda of the House of Bishops after a debate in the General Synod — was underlined again yesterday by Bishop Jenkins's Easter message to his diocese. "As is now, perhaps, alas notorious, I personally do not know whether the grave was empty or not," he said.

"I cannot cheat or conceal this because the whole matter is too important for cheating or concealment, or pretending to particular beliefs that one does not find sufficient reason for holding.

"In any case, the empty tomb cannot prove, does not establish and may not even mean, the Resurrection. The alternative, rational and plausible explanation that the disciples stole the body was around pretty early on."

In a survey published yesterday by Action for Biblical Witness to Our Nation, which claims the support of more than 1,000 Church of England clergy, 60 per cent of the bishops asked said they believed in the Virgin Birth.

Sixty-three per cent believed in the bodily resurrection of Christ and only 32 per cent would allow their fellow bishops to hold the views held by Bishop Jenkins.

The Rev Tony Higton, Rector of Hawkwell, Essex, who founded the organisation after the bishop's controversial statements a year ago, said bishops who could not agree with an historical Resurrection and Virgin Birth should cease to hold any leading position in the Church.

The survey has met with resistance even among bishops who gave details. The Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Rev Roy Williamson, called the poll simply the first step down the heresy trail.

The Bishop of Derby, the Rt Rev Cyril Bowles, said he accepted the Virgin Birth and the empty tomb, but "the choice of the Bishop of Durham seems to me to be inspired and I hope he will not be deterred by the strident opposition to him and the drawing up of petitions."

The new chairman of the Doctrine Commission, the Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Rev John Baker, said it was clear Bishop Jenkins "does not totally accept every detail of the official faith of the Church of England: but his deviations from it are minor, and are intended to strengthen rather than weaken belief in the central doctrines of that faith."



DIVINE DISCS: The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie (left), presenting gold records at Lambeth Palace yesterday to the composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, his wife, singer Sarah Brightman, and 12-year-old Paul Miles-Kingston, a Winchester Cathedral choirboy. The awards were for Requiem, which has sold 100,000 copies in the United Kingdom and is number five in the album charts.

Controversy as Jasmine case officials resign

By Seumas Milne

The independent inquiry into the death of battered child Jasmine Beckford, whose parents were sent to prison on Thursday, will not start work until after Easter, but controversy over the case and the resignations of three Brent social services officials grew yesterday.

The department had legal care of Jasmine at the time of her death last summer and social workers were criticised for "naivety almost beyond belief" by Judge Thomas Pigot during the trial. The inquiry Brent Council has set up will be conducted by a six-member panel led by the barrister, Mr Louis Blom-Cooper QC.

Brent social services has conducted an internal investigation and there were no sackings. But three senior officials involved in the Beckford case have resigned.

Ms Valerie Howarth, Brent's social services director, has been appointed to the same job in Cambridgeshire; her assistant, Mr Denis Simpson, will head the London Borough of Southwark's social services; and Mr Jeremy Burns, in charge of Brent child care unit, is also leaving.

Despite claims that Ms Howarth did not tell her new employers about the Beckford case during her interview, Cambridgeshire County Council said yesterday that it will not reconsider the appointment.

Cambridgeshire's Labour opposition leader, Mrs Janet Jones, who sat on the appointment committee, said members were not told about the case. This was a "grave cause for concern. I want an emergency meeting to be convened before any contracts of employment are signed."

The Conservative MP for South-west Cambridgeshire, Sir Anthony Grant, also urged the council to reconsider its decision. "The judge made severe criticism of the social services in Brent," he said. "I believe Cambridgeshire County Council should look again."

Brent Council was also criticised yesterday about the length of time it took to set up the independent inquiry. Mr Martin Coleman, leader of the minority Labour group, said yesterday that the council had fought the setting up of an inquiry "all the way down the line."

When the inquiry does meet, it will need to look at what steps can be taken when parents deny health visitors and social workers access to their children — as happened with the Beckfords.

Even when a child is the subject of a care order, neither social workers nor health visitors have the right to see it. If social workers are convinced a child is in danger, they can apply for a court order to remove the child.

But the court would need to be satisfied that the lchild was at risk.

"It's a Catch 22," said Mr Jim McHugh, a professional officer with the British Association of Social Workers. "If we are to avoid a police state, what are needed are more resources for training and prevention. Residential and day nurseries can also be used to defuse the tension that arise in such families."

● The Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, said he will take a close look at the results of Mr Blom-Cooper's inquiry.

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Hailsham likely to reject law centres' aid plea

By Malcolm Dean

The Lord Chancellor is unlikely to help 15 law centres which face the axe because of the abolition of the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan county councils.

The Law Centre Federation has appealed to Lord Hailsham for subsidies. It has not received a reply yet but the Lord Chancellor made it clear this week in a Lord's debate that he opposed his department becoming burdened by "administrative detail." The 15 centres help almost 75,000 people a year.

"I have always thought that anything in the nature of a chain of advice bureaux, whether on the Citizens' Advice Bureaux level or on the more professional level, is inevitably a matter which has to be administered locally and certainly could not be administered from the centre by the Lord Chancellor's Department," he said.

Mr Brian Baker, a federation spokesman, said yesterday: "The Lord Chancellor has an obligation to ensure the thousands of poor people who are helped by the centres every year are not denied access to free legal advice."

The centres believe that the district councils which will take over the functions of the metropolitan authorities will not have sufficient funds to support them.

Some receive aid from the Environment Department's urban aid programme, but this has also started to cut support to the centres.

The Lord Chancellor's legal aid advisory committee appealed in its last report for the centres to be protected from the local government abolition bill, rate-capping and urban aid policy changes. Britain has 54 law centres with 20 at risk from rate-capping on top of the 15 under direct threat.

Forest spray

Up to 20,000 acres of woodlands in the Scottish Highlands are to be sprayed with pesticides in an attempt to control two insect pests which threaten to destroy large tracts of plantations, the Forestry Commission said yesterday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Father admits taking girl

A FATHER who snatched his daughter and fled to America was given a one-month gaol sentence suspended for two years by Newbury magistrates yesterday.

In the first case under the 1984 Child Abduction Act, John Boyd, aged 31, unemployed, of Newbury, Berkshire, admitted taking his daughter, Kelly Marie, aged four, abroad without the consent of her mother, Elizabeth, or the authorities.

Mr Boyd, who was divorced from his wife last year on the grounds of her adultery feared that she was reducing his access to Kelly.

Extradition proceedings began, but Mr Boyd returned voluntarily after he realised his daughter was not settling in America.

Unions seek oil ban on S. Africa

DOCK and shipping unions from around the world have been invited to a conference in London this autumn to discuss stopping all oil supplies to South Africa. The aim is to build up support among dockers and seafarers to enforce United Nations oil sanctions against the Pretoria government.

The conference has been called by the Maritime Unions against Apartheid, which includes the National Union of Seamen, the Transport and General Workers' Union and the Australian and Danish seamen's unions.

'False alibi' man sentenced

A MAN who gave a false alibi for a murderer was sentenced to 150 hours community service at Winchester Crown Court yesterday. David Stacey, aged 37, unemployed, of East Stoke, Hayling Island, had admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Stacey told police investigating the murder of the IBM executive, Mr Michael Robertson, that he and Mr Robertson's gardener — who was gaoled for life for the murder — were in a pub on the night Mr Robertson was battered to death at his home last October.

Plot charge five in court

FIVE men accused of conspiring with others to cause an explosion appeared before Liverpool magistrates yesterday. A sixth accused, Dr Maire O'Shea, aged 65, a retired consultant psychiatrist, did not appear, and was further remanded on bail on sureties of £30,000 with a further £20,000 deposited in court.

The magistrates were told that the prosecution would be ready for committal proceedings to be heard on May 10.

Cable spreads

THE number of homes receiving cable television has increased by 12.44 per cent to 146,290 over the past three months, according to figures released yesterday by the Joint Industry Committee for Cable Audience Research.

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Powell attacks moves by 'Ulster's enemies'

By David McKie
Parliamentary Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell, Ulster Unionist MP for South Down, last night ascribed last weekend's reports of a possible deal between London and Dublin on Northern Ireland to the machinations of enemies of Ulster in Stormont, Whitehall and beyond.

Mr Powell was speaking to Unionists in Lurgan, Co Armagh. He had been expected to make sharp criticisms of the role of the Mail on Sunday, whose exclusive report last week set off a fresh burst of speculation about new negotiations. But a statement issued by the newspaper yesterday said that Mr Powell would be "clarifying" this section of his issued text.

Mr Powell said he had predicted such events. In a speech in November after Mrs Thatcher's apparent rejection of the report of the New Ireland Forum he praised the Prime Minister for having broken out of the vicious spiral designed to take Ulster stage by stage into a confederal all-Ireland State.

In doing so, she had inaugurated in the last four months an atmosphere of greater confidence and stability in the province, Mr Powell said.

But he had also warned that enemies of Ulster in high places, having suffered a sharp defeat, would counterattack, using their customary weapons of deceit, bribery, blackmail, and downright treachery.

This they had now done. The flurry of weekend stories, he suggested, had been inspired by people who hoped to make them come true. But he also asked why it was that the Northern Ireland secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, had hurried off to the US "leaving his kitchen boy in charge of the house."

"I hope the Secretary of State is not going to tell us that he went to America to talk about the weather or even about Ulster industry," he said. "Otherwise people will be unkind enough to suggest that he went to get his instructions from our trans-atlantic bosses, who have recently, through the mouths of President Reagan and Mr Tip O'Neill been offering to buy Ulster out — a combination, as Gerry Adams might say, of the cheque book in one hand and the Armalite in the other."

Mr Enoch Powell: weapons of deceit

Rate rebels say Jenkin is on defensive

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

Labour leaders of the rebel rate-capped councils said yesterday that the first stage of their fight with the Government has been accomplished with greater success than they had dared hope.

Nine of the 16 Labour-controlled authorities on the rate-capping list will begin the new financial year on Monday with out having set a legal rate. Most of them have passed fresh no-rate motions over the past few days in spite of warnings from their legal advisers that councillors risk surcharge and disqualification as a result.

The tactic is designed to force the Government to back off from policies which force councils to cut spending by controlling their rate income and reducing their grants.

The rate-capped authorities which have deferred setting a rate are Sheffield and the London boroughs of Greenwich, Islington, Camden, Hackney, Haringey, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark. Other councils which are not rate-capped but face severe financial difficulty because of grant penalties have followed their example. They include Liverpool and Tower Hamlets, where Liberals joined with the Labour left on Thursday night to defeat the Labour budget.

Manchester council will meet tomorrow to decide whether its no-rate line should be maintained.

The rebel group of authorities has suffered some reverses. Decisions by the GLC and Inner London Education Authority to set a rate against the advice of their leaderships damaged the momentum of the campaign early this month. South Yorkshire, Merseyside, Basildon, Leicester and Thamesdown have also fixed a legal rate, although in some cases it seems that this leaves them heading for an illegal deficit budget because ruling Labour groups do not intend to cut spending to live within their rate and grant income.

Mrs Margaret Hodge, Leader of Islington Council, said yesterday that the overall result was better than she had expected. "The resolve of Labour groups has held up," she said. "We are strong. We are united. We are a large number of authorities and there is no way that the Government can really sit on and throttle this number of authorities as long as they maintain their unity." Although the Government might have sent in commissioners to run two or three councils, it could not cope with a dozen, she said.

Mrs Hodge said that the Government would have to recognise that the dispute could only be settled through negotiations. She complained that Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, had repeatedly refused the councils' request for talks. And she warned that his latest refusal of discussions with the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and Association of London Authorities brought into question the whole future of the consultative machinery between central and local government.

The Government's line is that it does not want to give the councils any further excuses for not fixing a rate by holding out the possibility that talks could yield concessions.

The council's resistance was helped yesterday by a High Court decision to lift a ban preventing Hackney Council borrowing after April 1. If this ban had been upheld, Hackney would have become technically bankrupt and might have been obliged to implement its warning that it could no longer pay the wages of employees. Hackney's finance director said last night that the council could continue operating services and paying staff "for the foreseeable future."

The authority goes back to court on Monday to resist an application by Mr Mourad Fleming, an unsuccessful SDP candidate in a recent council byelection, for a writ of mandamus compelling the council to make a rate. Mr Fleming is also asking the court to appoint a receiver to take control in Hackney if no rate is set by April 10.

Mrs Hodge said that Tory-controlled Westminster Council has warned the rebel Labour London boroughs that it will halt payments to them under the London rate equalisation scheme if they do not fix a rate. She warned Westminster's leader, Lady Porter, that this would be resisted in the courts.

WEST Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council has siphoned £400,000 into a trust fund — "safe from control by the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Jenkin" — to keep going the campaign against abolition, writes Michael Parkin.

Part of the fund will be used for the campaign, part for economic development. Mr John Gunnell, the Labour leader, said yesterday that the council had taken legal advice, and the trust fund was legal and "Jenkin-proof." If the district auditor took exception to it, the council would fight the issue in the courts.

Mr Jenkin has taken powers under the Interim Provisions Act to control spending by metropolitan county councils under section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972. This allows councils to use up to a 2p rate on spending outside their statutory duties.

It was clear, Mr Gunnell said, that the Government was not going to give permission under section 137 for the spending of money on the campaign against abolition.

Town hall unions' link-up facing first test

By Alan Dunn

A conference of local authority unions called to coordinate national action on jobs and services could face critical decisions almost before it gets off the ground tomorrow.

Its first test could come soon after the decision by Labour-controlled Hackney council in mid-week to defer setting a rate. Hackney's joint shop stewards committee has backed Labour's decision and it is expected that its situation will be a priority today.

Mr Ian Lownes, the committee's organising secretary, said: "Hackney will be high on the agenda and their delegates will be addressing the conference. It may be that some call for action will emerge. If Hackney were to take strike action we would be looking for solidarity action elsewhere. Certainly it looks like being our first test."

Up to 400 delegates from local authorities around Britain are expected at the two day conference in Liverpool of the National Local Authorities Co-ordinating Committee. Sponsored by the joint shop stewards committees of Liverpool City Council and the London councils, the conference will be voting on a resolution that opposes grant cuts, rate capping and privatisation.

More radically it wants a committee set up to plan joint strike action if any council worker is made redundant; if the Government sends in commissioners to run an authority; if a councillor is surcharged or disqualified for defending jobs and services; and if legal action is taken against workers refusing to co-operate with rate capping, cuts, privatisation, or abolition of a council.

Most local government unions are taking part but they stress that any decisions taken at the conference must then go through official union channels. Most unions have strike procedures.

Mr Lownes rejected allegations that the committee was a front for Militant, which dominates the Liverpool joint shop stewards committee. "This is a shop stewards conference open to local government unions throughout the country and to suggest that it is a Militant front is a joke," he said.

But his own committee is going through troubled times with three unions recently quitting in protest at the dominance of Militant after Mr Lownes's election as chairman this year.

The committee is this year repeating the part it played last year in rallying union support for the council's campaign not to set a rate. This weekend's conference, however, is not a rally, says Mr Lownes. "The time for rallies and fine words is over. The time has now come for action."

Hijack at airport delays Thatcher

By David Rose

Mrs Thatcher and the Home Secretary Mr Leon Brittan, were delayed for half an hour on separate journeys when they found themselves in the midst of a hijack at Heathrow airport yesterday.

The Prime Minister was on her way to the Common Market summit in Brussels, and Mr Brittan was going to a meeting in Plymouth. His speech had to be delivered by his wife.

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Brittan were kept in touch with the police operation surrounding the hijack, which involved a Lufthansa Boeing 737 arriving from Munich. A man was arrested and last night was in custody helping police with their inquiries.

It is understood that the man, a British citizen, was being deported from West Germany. Fifteen minutes before the plane was due to touch down he told the pilot he had a gun and demanded that the plane land at Heathrow, although it was the plane's destination.

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority said that the man was "deranged."

The aircraft landed and taxied to a special area of the airport where it was swiftly surrounded by police. Flights were disrupted for an hour.

According to one of the passengers, the hijacker spoke to those on board through the public address system, saying that he was taking everybody to Honolulu but anyone who did not wish to go could leave.

It eventually became clear that he was not armed. The aircraft moved to the normal disembarkation area and the man was arrested.

Rees pressed for more expensive music school

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary at the Treasury, suggested that a music school should be located in his constituency rather than on other sites which officials had calculated would be cheaper, the Defence Ministry acknowledged yesterday.

Mr John Lee, junior defence procurement minister, told the Commons that Mr Rees, MP for Dover made representations "as the constituency member, just as any other MP may have done." He said that combining the ministry's three military band schools at Deal would keep redundancies to a minimum and bring extra jobs to the area, but he refused to disclose the cost of the decision.

Mr Lee was replying to Mr Willie Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife Central, who accused Mr Ress of "nobbling" the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, into making a political decision. It is known that Mr Heseltine ordered officials to come up with figures to justify siting the school at Deal and to avoid a confrontation with the department's permanent secretary, Sir Clive Whitmore.

The ministry said earlier this month that according to initial calculations it looked like Deal would be more expensive. Since ministers wanted to proceed with that choice "for other than financial reasons," it seemed as though Sir Clive would need a ministerial direction if the money was to be spent there.

Treasury regulations say that if a minister is contemplating action involving payment which his accounting officer considered would "infringe the requirements of propriety or regularity," the officer should set out his objections in writing. The minister would then respond formally with a written direction.

Mr Hamilton referred to a report by Mr Clive Ponting, the former ministry official acquitted in February of secrets charges, which said that a site at Eastney, near Portsmouth, would be £4.5 million cheaper than the others.

Regions to get £5.2m aid for arts

By Nicholas de Jongh, Arts Correspondent

GRANTS worth an estimated £5.2 million to develop the arts in the regions were announced yesterday, with £3 million from the Arts Council and the remainder from local authorities and business

The cash will go to 50 organisations, including repertory theatres, municipal art galleries and museums, orchestras, dance companies and regional arts associations.

The grants announced by the Arts Council mark the first phase of its 1985-86 development strategy for culturally deprived areas.

The strategy was announced a year ago in the Glory of the Garden, the council's development plans for the regions, which aimed at switching 3 per cent of the council's £100 million a year grant away from London.

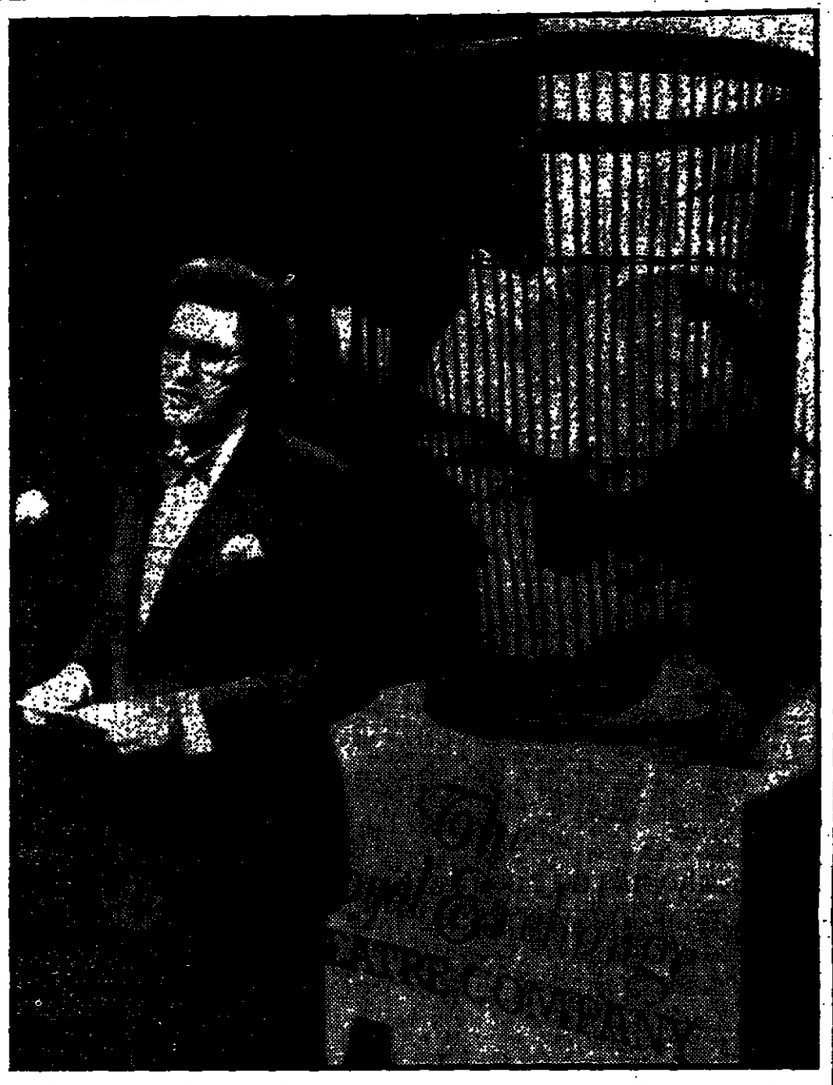
Regional repertory theatres are the main beneficiaries of the development strategy, with the Sheffield Crucible receiving the most. The theatre is being given £140,000 in addition to its ordinary grant.

The Belgrade Theatre Trust receives £50,000. Bristol Old Vic £50,000, Leicester Haymarket £120,000 and Newcastle Playhouse £63,500.

Liverpool Repertory Theatre, and the city's Everyman Theatre are given £100,000 to share.

Grants to the regional arts associations range from £149,500 for the East Midland Arts Association to £46,000 for Merseyside Arts. But Liverpool receives a further £40,000 for the Walker Art Gallery and an extra £12,000 for the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Leeds area is selected for a programme of small developments including an extra £72,000 for the York Theatre Royal, a further £22,000 for the Phoenix Dance Company and a first time grant of £50,000 for the City of Bradford art galleries and museums.



Lord Gowrie speaking at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, to which he presented a £20,000 cheque for a playwriting competition as part of the Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme. The giant waste paper basket is the model for the scheme's logo. Picture by Don McPhee

The only award specifically for London, apart from an extra £65,500 for the Greater London Arts, is £42,000 for the London Sinfonietta. This is for the commissioning of new works and the mounting of concerts.

The Voices Dance Company and the Mantis Dance Company also receive small additional grants. Dancers in companies throughout the country are to share £281,000 to reduce the gap between their salaries and dancers in the Royal Ballet.

Mr Luke Rittner, the secretary-general of the Arts Council said: "The council has pressed ahead with its strategy, despite the minimal increase in overall government funding. But with the proposed abolition of the metropolitan county councils and the Greater London Council, the Arts Council will need a substantially higher grant for 1986/87 if it is to redeploy resources outside London, while maintaining the existing provision."

Man remanded

Edward Greenwood, aged 25, of Bickerdike Court, Longsight, Manchester, was remanded in custody yesterday until Thursday charged with unlawful imprisoning his 14-year-old nephew at a house in Clarence Road, Longsight, and with causing £1,000 damage to property belonging to his sister.

Girl in robbery

Three children, including a girl aged about 10, are being hunted by Basingstoke police after an attack on a 71-year-old man.

The three called at his house asking for water, knocked him to the ground and took £240 from his coat.

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Fowler offers more cash to save liver transplants

By David Heaeke, Social Services Correspondent

Liver transplants at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital were reprieved for two years yesterday after Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, offered extra cash to a health authority.

The Department of Health and Social Security agreed to increase its grant by £50,000 to £258,000 from next month and to have more talks about funding.

The decision effectively countermanded a statement by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Health Minister, on Thursday when he rejected West Midlands regional health authority's appeal for another £200,000.

The programme has been in doubt since the authority thought that it had been promised £482,000 from the Government to run the centre, one of only three in Britain.

The authority did not realise that an announcement by Mr John Patten, the junior health minister, in January, setting a national £2.3 million target for liver transplants meant that it was expected to pay for more than half the operations in Birmingham.

Under the agreement announced yesterday, the DHSS will pay £253,000, West Midlands region £224,000 and central Birmingham district health authority £80,000. Transplants are also guaranteed for 1986, with the region prepared to fund 20 operations and the department agreeing to further finance.

MP fined for speeding

Phillip Oppenheim, aged 29, the MP for Amber Valley, Derbyshire, was fined £50 with costs and three penalty points yesterday by Derby magistrates for speeding on the A38 near Derby.

Mr Oppenheim was alleged to have driven at 92 mph in a 70 mph zone.

Union faces £60,000 bill

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

The Transport and General Workers Union will have to pay compensation of up to £20,000 each to three Bristol tugboatmen dismissed by the firm of Corrie King last year in a closed shop dispute, the Director of the Freedom Association, Mr Gerald Hartup, said last night.

An industrial tribunal in Bristol, at which Mr Hartup represented the men, found they had been wrongfully dismissed and that there was no closed shop agreement in force between the union and the company. The tribunal decided that reinstatement was impracticable and that the union which was joined by the firm in the action under employment legislation should bear the costs of compensation.

The union and the three, Mr Ted Ottway, Mr Martin McNeill and Mr Michael Hood, were left to agree terms and to return to the tribunal if that was not possible.

Lockout set to end

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

The three-month lockout of journalists at the Portsmouth news is set to end this weekend after the members accepted a return-to-work formula yesterday.

The 70-strong National Union of Journalists chapel had rejected the proposals earlier over minor technicalities. The main issues in the dispute were resolved some weeks earlier after the chapel accepted that some compositors could be transferred to work as sub-editors on introduction of direct input while retaining membership of the National Graphical Association.

The management responded to the NUJ's decision yesterday by saying that it was willing to re-employ all staff.

The NGA and NUJ have agreed at national level not to allow the final phase of new technology to go ahead at Portsmouth until inter-union talks over demarcation are completed.

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Embryo research authority to draw up guidelines



Susan Hampshire — lay member of authority

THE QUEEN'S chaplain, the Rev Gordon Dunstan, and the actress Susan Hampshire are to join scientists and doctors as members of a voluntary organisation monitoring human embryo research.

The voluntary licensing authority for human in vitro fertilisation and embryo transfer, which has no legal powers, has been set up as a stop-gap measure until government legislation is enacted.

The authority's 14 members are expected to begin working within a few weeks to create a code of practice for research in human embryology and fertilisation and encourage those involved to submit their work for approval.

The authority was set up by the Medical Research Council and the Royal College of Obstetricians.

It will, according to a spokesman for the MRC, publicise details of approved and unapproved work.

The authority has been set up in the wake of the Warnock report which recommended the establishment of a body to oversee developments in embryo research.

It will work under the chairmanship of Dame Mary Donaldson, the former Lord Mayor of London, and includes professional and lay members.

Dame Mary said yesterday that members of the authority would start visiting research centres by the early summer.

The Surrogacy Arrangements Bill, which outlaws commercial motherhood agencies, was published yesterday, with proposed penalties of three months imprisonment and fines of up to £2,000.

The five-clause Bill stems from last year's widespread concern over the Baby Cotton case.



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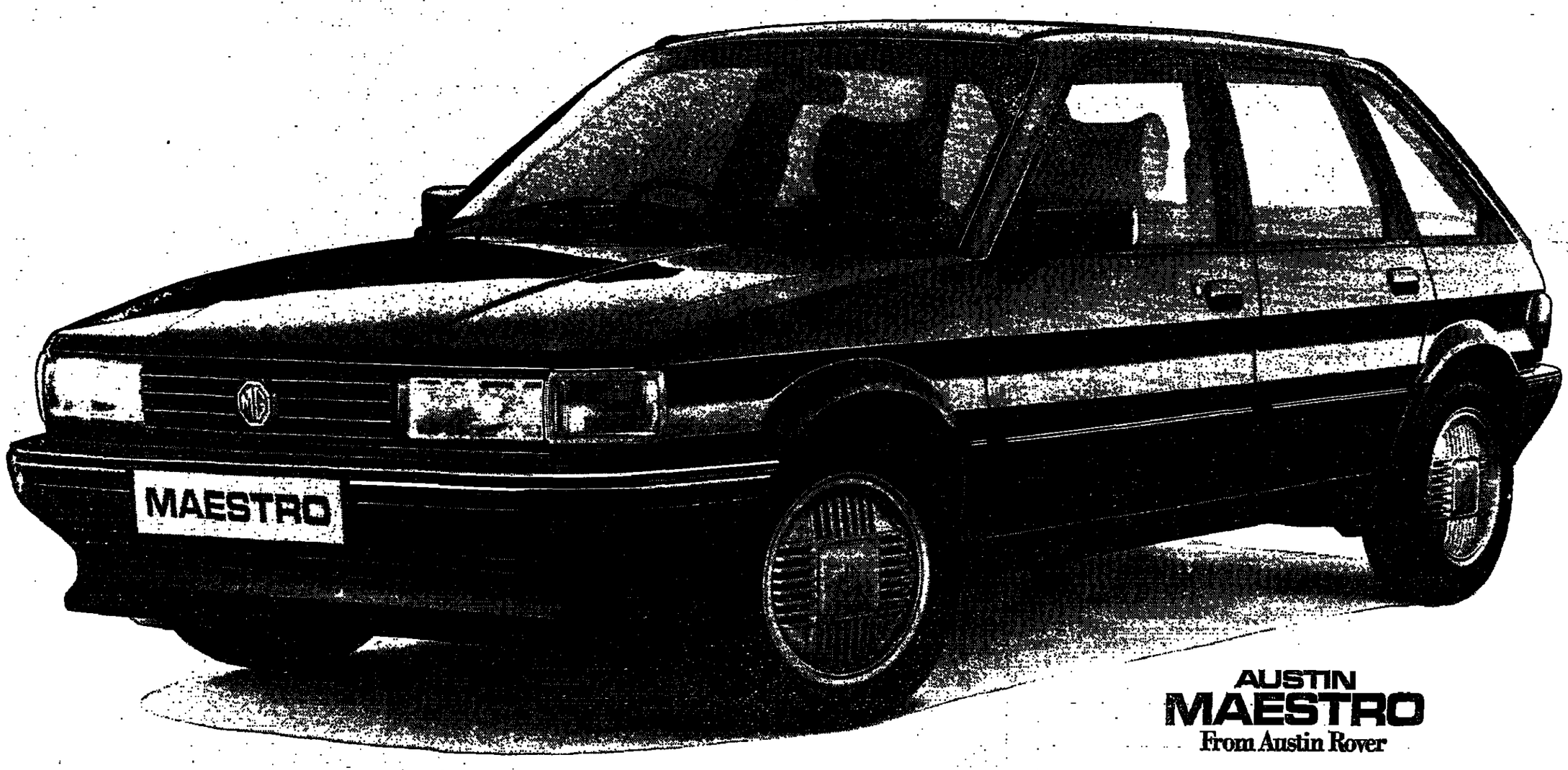
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All join vigil for Neves recovery

From Jan Rocha in Sao Paulo

After several days of fighting for his life, Brazil's President-elect, Mr Tancredo Neves, is now said to be improving steadily.

Mr Neves, aged 75, has undergone three emergency operations for abdominal problems within two weeks. The latest complication is a lung and abdominal infection, which the doctors claim, is being overcome.

The President's illness began just a few hours before he was due to take office as Brazil's first civilian ruler for 21 years.

Mr Neves was taken to hospital with crippling pains just a few hours before the inauguration ceremony on March 15.

The President-elect has also had to survive a tug-of-war between the doctors of Brasilia and Sao Paulo, each anxious to conduct his treatment.

Few doubt that a transfer from the general hospital in Brasilia to the heart institute of the University Hospital in Sao Paulo saved Mr Neves's life. The institute has a medical reputation that ranks with the world's best. Heart transplants are carried out there.

Not everyone trusts the doctors to cure their President. On the pavement outside, a group of voodoo practitioners, or followers of Afro-Brazilian rites, have set up an altar, complete with life size images of their own black gods, Caboclo Velho and Tia Maria, surrounded by lighted candles and offerings. The priest in charge of the altar explained that this was a joint effort by three different voodoo groups, aided by a witchdoctor from the Tupi-Guarani tribe of Indians.

"The President has been attacked by evil forces produced by envy," explained the priest, Pai Carlos: "We have to fight them with positive forces."

While the evil spirits are being fought on the pavement, inside the hospital the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sao Paulo is saying Mass, aided by a Dominican friar, Frei Beto, who is well known in Brazil as a leading practitioner of liberation theology.

The President is a Roman Catholic, of the conservative brand. All over the country, Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Muslims have been holding special services praying for his recovery.

In Brasilia the politicians, anxious to prevent a power vacuum developing during his absence, have been ostentatiously rallying around his deputy, and acting President, Mr Jose Sarney.

The prospect of a long convalescence before Mr Neves could take office raises the possibility of a political crisis overtaking Brazil's fragile new democracy. All parties have demonstrated their willingness to support Mr Sarney in the short term, but unlike Mr Neves, he is a man with little if any, popular support.

Mr Sarney, thrived in the shadow of the military regime for 20 years, and only deserted when the ship was going down.

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President Suazo threatens to declare state of emergency

Ruling party split plunges Honduras into crisis

From Paul Glickman in Tegucigalpa

Honduras was locked in a constitutional crisis yesterday, with President Roberto Suazo Cordova demanding the reinstatement of five Supreme Court justices sacked by Congress for alleged corruption.

He met armed forces chiefs yesterday after describing the ruling Liberal Party's efforts to reshuffle the Supreme Court as a violation of the Constitution. But Observers say the confrontation originates in a power struggle within the Liberal Party.

Early yesterday the Congress voted by 50 to 29 to remove the five justices, including Chief Justice Manuel Arita Palomo. The action came one day after a congressional commission reported that the Supreme Court had repeatedly violated the Constitution in failing to pursue certain legal cases.

While the deputies heatedly debated the motion on Thursday, President Suazo dispatched a riot squad to surround the Supreme Court building. The Minister of the Presidency, Mr Ubudoro Arriaga, said that if the crisis was not quickly resolved the President might declare a state of emergency.

After President Suazo met the National Security Council for several hours on Thursday, a government spokesman said that the armed forces were giving "total and full support" to the President during the crisis. There is little possibility of a military coup, and most politicians hope that the armed forces will play a mediating role.

Many believe that the confrontation is the result of a power struggle within the ruling party. Mr Efrain Bu Giron, the president of the Congress, is seeking the party's presidential nomination, while President Suazo is backing another candidate.

The President controls the delegates to the forthcoming party convention, and Mr Bu Giron wants the National Elections Tribunal to allow internal elections to select new delegates. The tribunal has thus far rejected calls for internal elections, but the tribunal member with the casting vote is appointed by the Supreme Court.

Mr Bu Giron achieved the majority vote in the Congress with the support of dissident Liberals and most of the opposition National Party deputies. Several factions of the National Party also want to shift the balance of power on the tribunal, because they charge that it has blocked the free selection of National Party delegates in favour of a faction backed by President Suazo.

Thatcher crusades against red tape

From Derek Brown in Brussels

Mrs Thatcher yesterday enlisted EEC allies in her crusade to cut European red tape — including, in her definition, state aids to industry, wages standards, and health and safety regulations.

The Prime Minister urged fellow heads of government to set up a study of EEC directives and regulations, with the aim of sweeping away at least a third of them.

Her plea for greater freedom for market forces, especially for small businesses, was supported by three prime ministers, Mr Wilfried Martens of Belgium, Mr Ruud Lubbers of the Netherlands, and Dr Garret FitzGerald of Ireland. Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany also spoke in favour.

The debate on the economic and social condition of the Community provided Mrs Thatcher with an ideal launching pad for her campaign for a liberalised, deregulated internal market for Europe.

Her admiration for the American way of economic recovery permeated her 10-minute speech. She picked up similarly approving opening remarks by the EEC Commission president, Mr Jacques Delors, who had said that Europe could learn from the US example.

Mrs Thatcher pointed out that job creation in America had come from an enterprise culture. Nine-tenths of the 20 million jobs created there in the last 15 years, had come in businesses employing fewer than 100 people.

She then suggested that the Community should look again at its own regulations, especially those which imposed burdens on small enterprises. Last year, she said, the EEC had created 59 directives, excluding those dealing with agriculture.

A study could be set up of the impact of such legislation, with the aim of cutting it by one third. Mrs Thatcher also talked approvingly of lower than average wages rates for young Germans, which she said had led to greater number of apprenticeships.

She described unemployment as a blot on Europe. National efforts to encourage job creation through deregulation, had to be complemented by a Community effort.

Mrs Thatcher did not offer examples of directives which particularly annoy her. But a spokesman said they were in the area of Community legislation on employment protection, VAT rates, and company law.

This is a broad swathe of Community law which includes such matters as equal pay, job security, and health and safety. The spokesman stressed, however, that in the latter category there was no intention of cutting either national or Community law in a way that would "damage real health and safety."

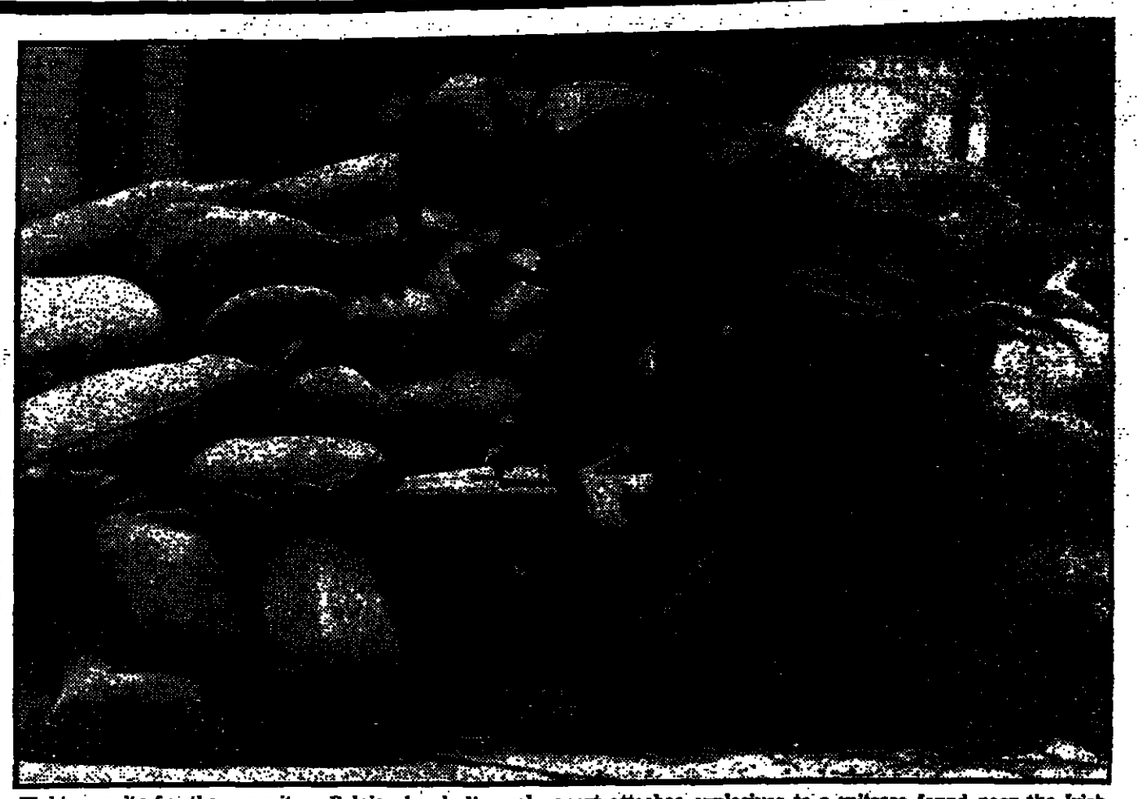
Earlier, Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Kohl were also in political harmony when the summit discussed food aid to famine-hit countries in Africa.

The leaders were told that their pledge, at the Dublin summit last December, to provide 1.2 million tonnes of food for Africa, had already been exceeded. Commission figures first produced some four weeks ago, put the total of aid allocations since Dublin to 1,294 million tonnes.

At the urging of the British and German leaders, the summit asked the commission to produce another urgent report on how much of the aid has actually been delivered to starving people.

Mr Papandreou holds the key to success for this summit, which is anxious to build on Thursday's agreement by foreign ministers on EEC entry terms for Spain and Portugal.

The Greek prime minister is threatening to veto the accession terms unless the Community offers new development aid to Mediterranean regions, with Greece as a prime beneficiary.



Tight security for the summit; a Belgian bomb disposal expert attaches explosives to a suitcase found near the Irish embassy, Brussels, yesterday as European leaders arrived. The case was found to be harmless

D'Aubuisson isolated by split in Arena

From Paul Ellman in San Salvador

The US is gently nudging Salvadorean politicians towards new alliances which will effectively neutralise Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, the extreme right's violent and demagogic standard bearer, after tomorrow's election.

Although voters have not been informed of the new arrangement, Major D'Aubuisson's party, the Nationalist Republican Alliance, Arena, is expected to split when the new 60-seat legislative assembly meets. A new faction is expected to emerge under the leadership of Mr Hugo Barrera, who was Arena's vice-presidential candidate when Major D'Aubuisson ran for the presidency last year.

The decision to split from the major reflects the victors of a strong campaign by US officials here to persuade the landowners and industrialists who finance Arena that they stand no chance of success with so controversial a figure as their champion.

A whispering campaign has focused on the fact that the US Congress would never provide aid to a government headed by Major D'Aubuisson, who has been linked with the death squads and the assassination five years ago of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

US officials feel that Mr Barrera is more presentable because of his long-standing links with the powerful Free Enterprise Association, Anep. The owner of a food processing plant who once ended a strike by pulling a pistol on its organisers, he has impeccable rightwing credentials.

US officials are unhappy at the choice of name for his new party the Patria Libre (Free Fatherland), which is expected to attract at least five of the Arena deputies in the new assembly.

The new group is expected to form an alliance with dissidents from another rightwing party, the National Conciliation Party which is likely to form a coalition with President José Napoleon Duarte's Christian Democratic Party in exchange for control over a number of government agencies.

Teachers' leaders seized

From Malcolm Coad in Santiago

A Chilean teacher was fighting for his life in hospital yesterday and five others were missing after raids by suspected pro-government hit squads.

A worker in the Roman Catholic Church's human rights office, Solidarity Vicariate, and a member of the Group of Families of Missing Detainees were also reported missing.

In a first raid on Thursday, gunmen burst into Teachers' Association offices here and took five people away, including the general secretary, Dr Alejandro Traverso.

Yesterday, Mr Manuel Guerrero, president of the association's metropolitan branch, was bundled into an unmarked car as his school started. Mr Jose Manuel Parada, a worker in Solidarity Vicariate's legal department, whose children go to the school, was also snatched. Another teacher who tried to intervene was shot in the stomach.

Police denied carrying out the arrests at the school.

The buck passing that made history

By Derek Brown in Brussels

IT ENDED much as it began, eight long years ago. New eras were proclaimed, undying friendships sworn and there were resounding declarations of loyalty to Europe, and to democracy. Everyone agreed, as dawn approached, that they were in the presence of history.

It did not seem that way a couple of hours earlier, when 12 sets of foreign ministers and aides were still wading through the swamp of detailed negotiations to get Spain and Portugal into the EEC. Opinion was divided, at the end, about the very last substantive item which wrapped up eight years of history making. Some said it was the Greeks agreeing to Community subsidies on 120,000 tonnes of Portuguese tomato paste, in return for an extension in Community tariffs on the paste from four years to five.

Others held that it was the statesmanlike decision to pass on the Spanish hake quota question to the next EEC council of fisheries ministers.

In fact, quite a few bucks were passed. Ministers and diplomats, emerging blinking from the last 17-hour session, freely admitted there were lots of loose ends to be tied. The implication is that ministers have decided that all matters of high political principle have been resolved.

The decision brought to a decent but belated end nearly a decade of Iberian frustration, and a year of Community embarrassment over deadlines missed. Each time the world was assured that failure to meet the deadline would mean the collapse of the Ten's hopes to become the Twelve on January 1, 1986.

Even now that target for formal accession is in doubt. A Greek veto still looms ominously, should the Community fail to decide new development aid for Mediterranean countries most affected by the enlargement. The accession treaties remain to be fully drafted, and then they must be ratified by member parliaments. Elections, government crises, and that sense of national self-interest which is the main feature of Community decision-making, could all intervene to wreck the grand design.

None of that was in anyone's mind, of course, at 3.15 am yesterday, when Mr Fernando Moran, for Spain, and Mr Ernani Lopes of Portugal, announced their acceptance of the Community offer they knew all along they could not refuse. There followed a spontaneous outbreak of speechmaking by indefatigable ministers.

Thirteen floors below was a seething mass of reporters who had spent the day in their traditional craft of seeking out rumours and then swapping, dissecting and amplifying them. Conspiratorial groups swapped notes on guarantee thresholds for fruit and vegetables, compulsory distillation aids for wine, and other exciting matters.

It was asserted, at one point, that Britain was blocking negotiations over fishing. At another, it was said that the hold-up was about a suggestion that British sherry should be banned, or renamed, to please Spain. Mr Jacques Delors, EEC commission president, then announced: "We are two fingers away from agreement," which sounds much better in French.

At length the waiting was over, and speculation hardened into fact. A ragged cheer went up in the press room,

At 4 am, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Foreign Office Minister of State, announced in measured tones that it had been a historic moment. What had been the mood at that moment? "We were very satisfied," he revealed.

Mr Moran and Mr Lopes then waxed eloquent on the strengthening of democracy, the spirit of friendship, and the new dawn for Europe. But Mr Lopes endearingly confessed that much of the negotiations had been very boring.

Eight years and one day after Portugal's application to join, it was at last over, bar the champagne. Spanish, naturally.

EEC gives budget guarantees

THE deal agreed yesterday on terms for Spanish and Portuguese entry includes guarantees that they will not be net contributors to the EEC budget during transition to full membership. Portugal is assured of a handsome flow of EEC funds.

The terms involve a complex web of transitional arrangements of industry, agriculture, and social affairs, some details of which have still to be fixed. The following is a summary of the main points.

Spain: Industry — import tariffs to be dismantled over seven years; car import duty to be reduced sharply during the first three years and import quotas increased by almost a third. Fisheries — limited access to EEC waters for no more than 150 vessels at a time. A revised deal promised after 10 years.

Agriculture — a transitional seven-year period for phasing out customs duties and introducing EEC prices; for fruit and vegetables, a transitional 10-year period; wine price harmonisation in seven years and obligatory distillation of surplus. Social Affairs — movement of Spanish workers within the EEC restricted for seven years. European Parliament: 60 members. Canaries to remain free-trade zone outside EEC.

Portugal: Industry — tariffs dismantled over seven years. Agriculture — a 10-year transition period with special aid and protection for tomato paste and sugar. Fisheries — an exclusive 200-mile Portuguese zone, including the Azores and Madeira waters, for 10 years. Social affairs — similar to Spain, but with a special 10-year exemption for Luxembourg, which ha a high proportion of Portuguese workers. European Parliament: 24 members.

New killing in murder mystery

Paris: France's most bizarre murder case took a new twist yesterday when the father of a child killed six months ago shot dead his cousin, a former suspect apparently about to be cleared.

Jean-Marie Villemin, father of four-year-old Grégory who was murdered by drowning last October, stormed the home of Bernard Laroche in the eastern village of Lepbanges, shot him dead and then gave himself up, police said.

The hunt for the killer of "Little Gregory" has held French press headlines for the past six months since the child's body was found bundled in a plastic bag in a river of a remote corner of the eastern Vosges mountains.

Laroche, who always protested his innocence, was charged with murder last November on the basis of a report by handwriting experts and the testimony of a 15-year-old sister-in-law who told police she saw Gregory in his car on the afternoon of the murder.

Three months later he was released after his sister-in-law withdrew her testimony, but for technical legal reasons the murder charge was not dropped.

Successive teams of graphologists have been called in by the investigating magistrate to help find the "Raven," the author of an anonymous note claiming to have committed the murder.

The latest team of experts concluded that the mysterious Raven, who has been plaguing the large, barely literate Villemin clan for years, was a woman.

One of the graphologists told reporters the handwriting strongly resembled that of Gregory's mother, Christine, now two months pregnant, who was officially told last Monday by the investigating magistrate of the suspicions against her. Reuter.

East Germans publish leaked details of Geneva discussions

By Hella Pick

The East German party paper, Neues Deutschland, yesterday carried an outline of proposals which, it said, the Soviet Union had put forward at the Geneva arms talks.

It said that the Soviet Union had called for a moratorium on research, as well as testing and deployment, of space weapons; for a freeze on existing arsenals of offensive strategic nuclear launchers and warheads; and for a halt to further deployments of medium-range nuclear weapons by Nato and the Soviet Union.

Neues Deutschland carried this report under a Brussels dateline, and claimed that its information came from "well-placed sources" in the Belgian capital, where Nato has its headquarters.

However, there can be little doubt that the story is a clumsily disguised move by the Soviet Union to use one of its Warsaw Pact allies to circumvent the confidentiality rule adopted by the United States and the Soviet Union to protect the Geneva negotiations.

The United States has so far been scrupulous in avoiding leaks. Even though the Nato allies have been given a broad outline of the Soviet statements since the negotiations opened early this month, virtually nothing has filtered through to the Western media. It is quite implausible that an East German correspondent in Brussels should be able to obtain information about Soviet proposals from any Western source.

The Americans are certain to be annoyed by the publication in East Germany of proposals which the Russians are alleged to have made in Geneva. It will be interpreted with considerable gloom as evidence that the Soviet Union is more concerned to exploit Geneva for propaganda purposes than for serious negotiations.

If the Soviet Union is indeed promoting the ideas outlined by Neues Deutschland, then the Russians are doing no more than repeating well worn proposals which have already been turned down as wholly unrealistic and inequitable by the United States.

White House gives cautious support to Gorbachev talks

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The Administration yesterday welcomed proposed talks in Moscow next month between the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, and a senior Congressional delegation. At the same time the Vice-President, Mr George Bush, warned that Mr Gorbachev was a "devastatingly good salesman" with the skills to disturb the unity of the Western Alliance.

The Speaker of the House, Mr Tip O'Neill, the leading Democrat on Capitol Hill, will lead a bipartisan delegation to Moscow and Leningrad from April 7 to April 12. He will be accompanied by the house Republican leader, Mr Bob Michel, of Illinois.

The Administration appears anxious to bury last weekend's shooting incident in East Germany as soon as possible, although the State Department summoned three leading Russian officials to Foggy Bottom on Thursday to deliver a formal protest. "We hope the new Soviet leadership will seize this opportunity for constructive actions that will prevent such incidents in future," the US said.

There was some emotion in the air yesterday as the body of Major Arthur Nicholson, the officer involved in the incident, was returned to the US. He will be buried at Arlington national cemetery with full military honours today. As a gesture of its disgust the US has decided to boycott and anniversary gathering next month of US and Soviet veterans of the Second World War at the Elbe river. But the official response is likely to be limited.

With the Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachev, beginning to speak out on arms control issues, the Administration yesterday appeared keen to join the propaganda war. Mr Bush, in a speech in Cleveland, noted that Mr Gorbachev's accession to power "makes our job tougher . . . it is now much more important that we keep giving the free world strong and alert leadership. It's very important that the alliance stay together."

The Vice-President, who has recently been taking a higher public profile on the political issues of the day, said that "critical to our success in those (arms control) negotiations will be the unity of the Nato countries." He made a plea for full funding for the so-called Star Wars defence.

Despite the so far unpromising noises from Geneva the Secretary of State, Mr Shultz, continues to emphasis the US's flexibility. He said in a Texas speech that the US was ready to meet the Russians halfway in finding "a mutually acceptable approach."

But he showed little flexibility on the strategic defence initiative despite the strong linkage which the Russians have made between progress in the space and other sets of arms control talks. He said that it was still the US hope to work out a "transition" period for reducing offensive weapons and installing defensive systems. "The Russians have not accepted the idea of a cooperative transition," Mr Shultz said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

US to 'spy' on Greece

THE US Government has repositioned a satellite controlled from a base in central Australia ready to spy on Greece, according to the National Times newspaper, writes Richard Yallop.

The move is said to reflect concern within the Reagan Administration about the government of the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou, who has threatened to remove US bases from Greek soil.

Nine sentenced

NINE Pakistanis were sentenced to gaol terms of up to 18 years in Vienna yesterday for plotting to murder Pakistan's ambassador to Austria and planning to kidnap other diplomats. The plan to take 58 people hostage last July failed because the gang could not find the room at the Hotel Imperial at which a reception took place. — Reuter.

Nuclear 'no'

THE Danish Parliament voted yesterday against any inclusion of nuclear power stations in public energy plans. The resolution, opposed by the four parties in the minority ruling coalition, was carried by 79 votes to 67.—Reuter.

Learning tax

SWAZILAND'S Queen Regent Ntombi has asked every adult in the country to contribute about £2 towards the education of their future king, Prince Makhosetive, aged 18, who is studying at Sherbourne and is expected to become king at the age of 21.—Reuter.

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Army Officer

Army fears the Unifil force would limit power of action

Israel tries to hold UN troops back from border

From David Landau in Jerusalem

The Israeli Government is mounting a campaign to prevent the 7,000-man UN force in southern Lebanon (Unifil) moving south to bring its units right up to the Israeli border.

Such a deployment is part of the UN force's original mandate and it is known that UN officials want the force to follow the Israelis south as they continue their withdrawal from Lebanon.

Israeli defence sources say Unifil's continued presence in southern Lebanon will hamper the army's freedom of action if the Shi'ite or PLO guerrilla attacks continue, and Israel strikes back, as it has said it will. A Unifil deployment flush against the border would make massive retaliation logistically awkward and politically embarrassing, the sources argue.

They dismiss the counter-argument that Unifil might actually be effective in policing and protecting the border zone from terrorist infiltrations.

The Unifil mandate is due for its periodic renewal at the Security Council on April 19. But with the Beirut Government strongly urging renewal, and the contributing countries all apparently prepared to keep their troops in the force, Israel has no real hope of removing the blue berets.

Israeli diplomats have recently tried to convince some of the contributing countries that Unifil will be both redundant and endangered after Israel's withdrawal, which is now scheduled for completion by late May. But there has been no response. Indeed, Holland and Norway, which had earlier considered reducing their contingents, have now postponed such action.

The UN under secretary-general, Mr Brian Urquhart is due in Jerusalem in a week or so for talks with the Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, and the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, on the future of Unifil. Both sides apparently recognise that if Israel remains adamant, it will be difficult for Unifil to move towards the border — at least so long as the mainly Christian South Lebanon Army remains intact as Israel's surrogate in the border zone.

Even before the invasion in June, 1982, Israel employed the Christian militias to keep Unifil away from the border. There was tension with the Christian commander, Major Saad Hadad. The Likud Government accused some Unifil battalions of sympathising with, and actively assisting, the PLO.

The atmosphere changed with the creation of the national unity government last year. Mr Rabin cooperated enthusiastically in Mr Urquhart's effort to orchestrate Israel-Lebanon military talks at Unifil headquarters, designed to produce a withdrawal-and-security accord. Unifil was to have an enhanced role in maintaining that security.

But Mr Urquhart's hopes of winning the tacit consent of the Syrians proved unfounded, and Mr Rabin was left disillusioned and resentful, in charge of an increasingly mauled and demoralised army.

FIVE people were wounded, including two Lebanese soldiers, in fighting between Lebanese troops and Christian militiamen yesterday near the southern city of Sidon. Troops and Christian "Lebanese forces" militiamen fought with machine-guns, rocket-propelled grenades, and mortars for 90 minutes in the third day of clashes. — Reuter.

Saudis in secret Russian talks

By Helga Graham

SAUDI Arabia, which has no formal relations with a Communist country, has had secret talks with Soviet officials that could ultimately lead to diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Union.

The Saudi kingdom has avoided such relations in the past on principle. But, during the last two weeks, a Saudi prince has had talks with a Soviet delegation in Kuwait, the only Gulf country to have relations with Moscow, according to informed Kuwaiti and other Gulf sources. Anger with the US and President Reagan's Middle East policies seems to have been a major factor.

The talks, on relations with the Communist bloc should lead to Saudi recognition of Romania and Yugoslavia before the end of the year. They would also pave the way in the medium term — possibly within three years — for direct Saudi relations with the Soviet Union.

The Saudi delegation is expected to go on to Vienna for more talks at the weekend. Meanwhile, Saudi ambassadors are being recalled to take part in a major policy review; relations with the Eastern bloc, and the Soviet Union in particular, will be high on the agenda.

Saudi Arabia has long had informal relations with Yugoslavia and Romania, both regarded by the Saudis as following a relatively independent foreign policy line. The Saudis attended the non-aligned summit in Yugoslavia in 1961, and for the past ten years have had important commercial contacts with Romania.

The Saudi decision to strike out on this new path followed directly on King Fahd's recent US visit. The Saudis were angered by what they considered to be US indifference to the need for a reasonable Palestinian settlement.

Although the King's American trip was an important diplomatic landmark, being the first Saudi royal visit in a decade, no joint statement was issued. For the habitually courteous Saudis, this was a mark of severe displeasure; it should have been read by President Reagan as a warning signal.

Saudi Arabia has long considered the option of opening relations with the Soviet Union, albeit gloomily, mainly to counter-balance total diplomatic dependence on the US.

The Saudi way is to move gradually, subtly, and often sideways. If stage one now seems to be under way, stage two — actual recognition of the Soviet Union — is unlikely to follow automatically.

For one thing, the Saudi inner ruling circle is still partly divided on the issue. Within the top echelon of the royal family, the main advocates of the step are Prince Saud, the Foreign Minister, and his brothers — sons of the late King Faisal.

But King Fahd and his four brothers are thought to have reservations.

However, Saudi Arabia is more democratic than the West thinks. King Fahd has to take at least some account of increasingly powerful anti-American feelings, not just within the royal family, but in the country at large.



Aftermath of the Riots : a car set alight in Khartoum by demonstrators protesting against food price increases

Army quells Sudan riots

From Ed Hooper in Khartoum

Khartoum was quiet yesterday after three days of food riots which had brought the Sudanese capital to a standstill.

With 1,500 already armed by the security forces, and with troops strategically positioned around town, it appeared that most would-be demonstrators had decided to remain at home.

The traditional inertia of the Friday day of prayer, combined with the current petrol shortage and car owners' unwillingness to risk further damage to their vehicles, kept Khartoum almost empty of traffic and people.

Meanwhile, the senior UN official in the Sudan, Mr Arthur Holcolme, the UN resident coordinator, emphasised the close relationship between the current disturbances and the drought that is ravaging large areas of the country.

Mr Holcolme clearly felt that the riots were under control for the time being. "It is important to remember that this is not the first time that this has happened — there have been at least 10 food riots in different regions of northern Sudan over the past year. We're likely to see a steady build up of desperation, fuelled by growing starvation, and it can't help but have political implications," he said.

When asked about the stoning of US embassy cars — most embassy staff had stayed at home over the previous two days — Mr Holcolme replied: "International Monetary Fund and US pressures to deregulate prices and let them find their own levels, can only lead to greater social tensions, as we have been seeing here. The prices of dura (sorghum) and wheat are already out of the reach of most people who cannot pay $36 to $42 for a 200lb sack which will hardly last a family for a month."

Despite the additional pledges made to famine-hit African countries at the recent aid donors' conference in Geneva, Mr Holcolme suggested that insufficient attention was being given to the famine, and that this partly stemmed from justifiable world concern over the desperate plight of Sudan's 1.15 million refugees, particularly those from Ethiopia and Chad.

Mr Holcolme added that pledges had been made which would come into effect over the next 18 months, whereas Sudan was in need of immediate food shipments. The estimated shortfall for the latter half of 1985 still stood at over 500,000 tonnes.

"We are trying to get this country through to the next harvest without serious social repercussions," he said. "Otherwise we're going to see more camps, more concentrations of destitute people looking for food aid, and it will be an ugly scene."

An announcement yesterday indicated that new austerity measures are on the way.

Reuter adds: The Sudanese army moved in yesterday to guard government buildings and other strategic points in Khartoum.

Groups of soldiers in combat fatigues guarded ministries, petrol stations, and the main bridge across the Nile to Khartoum's twin city of Omdurman. Riot police remained on the streets in large numbers.

Diplomats said at least three people died in disturbances, but the Government has reported only one death, that of a year-old baby hit by a stone. Some of those arrested by police were flogged.

Lesotho expulsion threat

From Mike Pitso in Maseru

All members of the Pan-Africanist Congress of South Africa have been threatened with mass expulsion from Lesotho, according to a warning given by a senior official of the Government yesterday.

Speaking at a mass meeting demonstrating against the PAC, Mr Francis Matholoane, director of political affairs in the Prime Minister's Office, warned the refugees to stop their hostile attitude to the Lesotho Government or they would all be expelled.

Mr Matholoane accused six PAC refugees of attacking a platoon of the Lesotho Paramilitary Force when they were shot dead in south-east Lesotho a fortnight ago.

He accused the PAC of training members of the Lesotho Liberation Army in Libya.

Three weeks ago, a member of the African National Congress, Samson Zwindi, allegedly shot dead a member of the Lesotho security forces. He appeared in court this week on a charge of murder. There are more than 1,00 0 refugees in Lesotho.

A senior official of the Lesotho Government has accused the refugees of aligning themselves with opposition parties in Lesotho since the country became independent from Britain in 1966.

Pretoria tightens grip on control of meetings

From Barry Streek in Cape Town

The South African Government yesterday banned for three months all public meetings calling for workers to say at home in 16 Eastern Cape and two Transvaal districts.

It also banned all meetings of 29 anti-apartheid organisations in those districts, including those held by the United Democratic Front (UDF), a non-racial alliance of more than 600 organisations.

All outdoor meetings, except sports gatherings and bona fide church meetings, are already banned, and last week the government banned all indoor meetings dealing with boycotts of schools and universities.

In Uitenhage yesterday, police evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission into the killing of 19 people in the township of Langa last week appeared to contradict the version of the incident given in the South African Parliament by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

Police records showed that 36 shots were fired although Mr Le Grange said 43 cartridges were used. He also said the police had been surrounded and pelted with stones, sticks and other missiles, including petrol bombs.

But Warrant Officer Jacobus Pentz said in evidence that he had only seen one object "that looked like a petrol bomb, but I don't know if it was thrown."

He also said he had not seen any petrol bomb thrown. "I would have seen it if it had caught fire. We were pelted with stones but there were no sticks or other objects thrown."

WO Pentz denied that the minister's statement was an untrue exaggeration but said "some bits are not precise. It could be a little exaggerated, but most of the points are there."

Mr Le Grange also said the leader of the procession had been dressed in black and had carried a brick, but WO Pentz said this was not as he had seen it. "I would have seen it if he had a brick." He also said the police had been issued only with shotguns or pistols on the day of the incident.

They had not been issued with rubber bullets, teargas or loudspeakers and they had received SSG (buckshot) cartridges.

The new ban on meetings was immediately criticised by a number of different organisations.

The UDF's publicity secretary, Mr Patrick Lekhota, said the ban meant that "we are being stopped from organising openly and legally. This is a regional state of emergency. Our organisation will not be able to lead the masses in disciplined resistance to apartheid. The government must bear the consequences of this action."

Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, condemned "this type of repression" and said: "These bannings can only exacerbate the situation because we will find that people hold meetings, anyway."

Dr Beyers Naude, who succeeded Bishop Tutu as general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, said the move was an act of desperation on the part of the government to stem the tide of liberation. "We believe this action can only lead to further tension and polarisation because it does not address itself to the real problems or the solution."

Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, the leader of the Opposition in the White House of Parliament, said the Government could not stop agitators from exploiting the grievances of people through strong-arm tactics.

Early yesterday, police from the "independent" Ciskei homeland detained a number of members of the UDF and the South African Allied Workers' Union, which is banned in the homeland.

In Durban yesterday, freedom songs were sung and slogans were shouted as eight of the 16 leaders of the UDF and the Allied Workers Union facing treason charges appeared in the local magistrate's court in an attempt to obtain bail.

THE US Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted to consider sanctions against South Africa if it does not reform apartheid within two years.—Reuter

Iraq 'has detected' Iran missile sites

Baghdad: A senior official said yesterday that Iraq had pinpointed a base from which Iran was firing missiles at Baghdad and other Iraqi cities.

The base was close to the city of Kermanshah, 75 miles from the Iraqi border, and the missiles were a modified version of Soviet-made REF17s, with a range of 125 to 150 miles.

Diplomats said that a surprise visit to Moscow by the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Mr Tareq Aziz, and the Minister of State for Military Affairs, Mr Abdul-Jabbar Shanshal, was connected with Iran's access to the missiles. On Thursday President Saddam Hussein admitted for the first time that Iranian missiles had been hitting Iraqi cities. Iraq initially blamed the explosions on saboteurs using bombs.

"Some Arab traitors gave the Iranians a number of missiles to strike at Baghdad and Kirkuk, with the hope of terrifying the people of Iraq," he said.

The President did not elaborate, but Gulf diplomats have said that Libya or Syria were suspected of supplying about 50 ground-to-ground missiles to Iran.

This month six explosions shook Baghdad, and one occurred in the northern oil city of Kirkuk. Each time Iran said it had fired a long-range missile. The explosions caused scores of casualties.

In Tehran, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the parliamentary Speaker and spokesman for Iran's Supreme Defence Council, ruled out clemency for President Saddam Hussein, following Iraq's alleged use of chemical weapons, its raids on civilian targets, and its declaration of Iranian airspace as a war zone.

Referring to Iran's recent offensive in the marshlands of southern Iraq, he said the Iranian forces advanced on a front of up to 30 miles wide, from an outpost at Tourabah to southern Majnoon island. About 3,000 Iraqi prisoners had been captured, and 6,000 killed or wounded. He described Iran's own casualties as very low compared with previous Iranian offensives, and said that Iraq had exaggerated Iranian casualties 20-fold. — Reuter.

Mugabe urged to withdraw Fifth Brigade

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

The chairman of Zimbabwe's leading human rights group yesterday appealed for peaceful elections, expected in June, and called on the Government to withdraw the army's Fifth Brigade from troubled Matabeleland. He added that the ruling Zanu party's youth groups should be prevented from intimidating minority parties.

Mr Michael Auret, chairman of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, said in a speech to the National Forum in Harare that the Fifth Brigade and the youth group's have "brutally bullied" civilians.

In a speech strongly critical of Mr Mugabe's Zanu party, Mr Auret yesterday listed incidents where the party's youth and women's groups have beaten and even killed people suspected of supporting minority parties. He said that often they were encouraged to perform such acts by Zanu leaders and were unhampered by police.

Mr Auret praised Mr Mugabe's Government for extending health and education to all Zimbabweans. He said that Zanu should approach the elections with confidence.

But he said that Zanu's antagonistic attitude towards Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu party had blurred the line between the violent anti-government dissidents and legitimate political opposition.

Mr Auret said that the Commission, the leading crusader for blacks' rights during the white minority regime in the 1960s and 1970s, would monitor Zimbabwe's national elections to encourage fair polling.

In reply to the statement by the Minister of Supplies, Mr Enos Nkala, that the people of Matabeleland, Mr Nkomo's stronghold, desire a large army presence during the elections, Mr Auret said: "Mr Nkala was talking out of the top of his head. The only person wanting more army in Matabeleland can by counted on one finger."

Mr Auret blamed the Fifth Brigade, which he called the army of the Zanu party, for "unjust and inhuman treatment of the people of Matabeleland. In the eyes of the Ndebele people (the ethnic minority of Matabeleland which overwhelmingly supports Mr Nkomo's party) the actions of the Fifth Brigade changed the nature of the conflict from one between the Government and the rebels to an inter-party conflict."

Mr Auret listed incidents throughout south-western Matabeleland, in the northern town of Chinhoyi, and in the eastern city of Mutare where people have been victimised by the party's youth groups.

He said that the Government should "withdraw the Fifth Brigade and Presidential Guard and instead deploy army units which have clean records. All party leaders should call for strict discipline from youth groups.

"I ask the Prime Minister to repeat his conciliatory gesture to all Zimbabwe's parties and people now." Mr Auret said, referring to Mr Mugabe's speech of reconciliation in 1980 following his election victory.

India goes to Moscow in search of advanced arms

From Eric Silver in New Delhi

The Defence Minister, Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao, left for Moscow yesterday heading a delegation that will discuss the sophisticated weapons India needs to see it into the next decade.

The Soviet Union remains India's biggest supplier, despite recent efforts to diversify. The Russians have already agreed to sell India the new MiG20 fighter, which is hardly off the drawing board and has been offered to no other foreign buyer.

India is determined to remain the dominant military power in south Asia, but the emphasis is shifting from land and air to the sea. A new naval plan for 1985-90 was reported this week to provide for better aerial reconnaissance, more modern warships and submarines, long-range missiles, and an enhanced electronic warfare capability.

An order for eight to 12 Harrier jump jets from Britain is expected to be confirmed soon. Harriers are already in service with the Indian navy, but the new contract was delayed as a mark of Delhi's displeasure at Whitehall's supposedly soft treatment of Sikh separatist exiles.

Indian defence planners are puzzled by the rapid expansion and upgrading of the Pakistani navy, not least because its ostensible target, Afghanistan, is landlocked. They do not have to be paranoid to see it as a greater threat to India. In any case, they feel they dare not ignore the challenge.

All of these are seen as endangering India's one veteran aircraft carrier, the Vikrant, bought from Britain in the fifties, and the vulnerable Bombay High oilfield in the Arabian Sea. India, as one commentator put it yesterday, has no adequate means of protecting the oil wells and fishing grounds in the 200-mile "exclusive economic zone" off its long coastline.

In the longer term, India is also concerned at the prospect of a Chinese deployment of submarines armed with nuclear missiles in the upper Arabian Sea. It is assumed here that these would be designed to give Peking a second-strike nuclear capability against the Soviet Union. But again India could hardly ignore it.

Deng attacks critics of his economic reform programme

By John Gittings

The Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, has gone on the offensive against critics of his economic reform programme, saying that the faint-hearted should take courage and join in "China's second revolution."

Mr Deng's remarks were splashed across the front page of the People's Daily which also reported the proceedings of the National People's Congress where problems of corruption, overspending, and budgetary deficits have been revealed.

"The problems that have occurred recently were nothing we did not expect," Mr Deng said. "What we are doing needs courage, but unless we do it the future will be hard. Reform is China's second revolution."

The Chinese argue that mistakes are bound to be made when they are venturing into the unknown, and that most other Socialist countries have done worse without even venturing to reform.

Speaking to a visiting Japanese politician, Mr Deng insisted that China would be quick to weigh its experiences and change wherever it seemed necessary.

Earlier this week the congress was told by Premier Zhao Ziyang that all central and local government budgets must be cut by 10 per cent this year, and that stern measures will be taken against those who took advantage of economic decentralisation to feather their own nests.

The budget deficit has largely been caused by increases in wages and in the supply of commodities which while helping to satisfy consumer demands also encourage inflation.

China has drawn heavily on its large foreign exchange reserves, the China Daily reported yesterday, in order to soak up excess purchasing power created by the reforms.

Vice-premier Yao Yilin said that China has spent $2 billion on buying popular import good, although total reserves still stand at $16.6 billion.

But the image of austerity is not to be restored even though the press has begun to warn against excessive expectations. Oil workers at the Daqing oilfield in north-east China, once celebrated for their prospecting work in the frozen mud, are now the subject of news features on their opportunities for relaxation at the movies, by the swimming pool, and on the dance floor.

A State Planning Commission spokesman said yesterday that the Government will try yet again to concentrate investment on the essential infrastructural fields of energy, transport, and tele-communications which continue to lag behind expansion of productive capacity. Almost 40 per cent of all capital spending this year has been allocated to these fields.

Meanwhile Vice-premier Li Peng, who recently visited Moscow for Mr Chernenko's funeral, has accepted an invitation to visit Poland this year.

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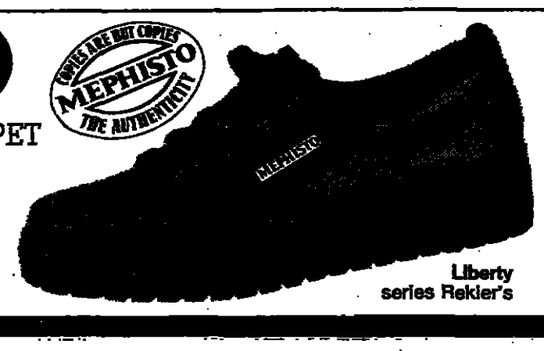
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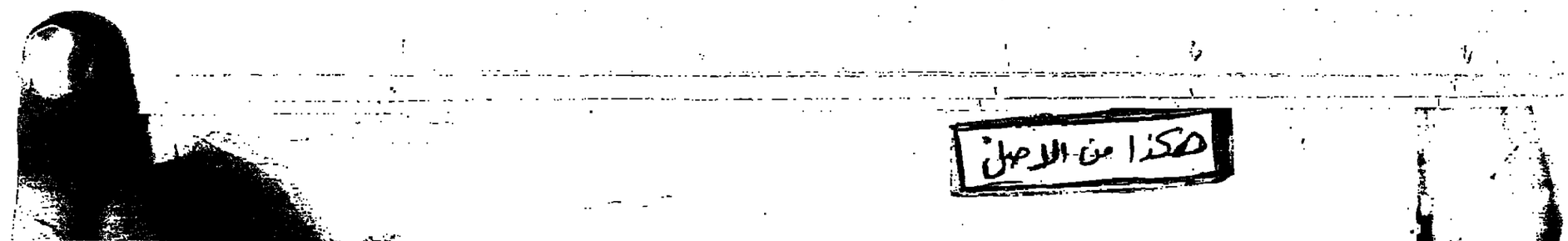
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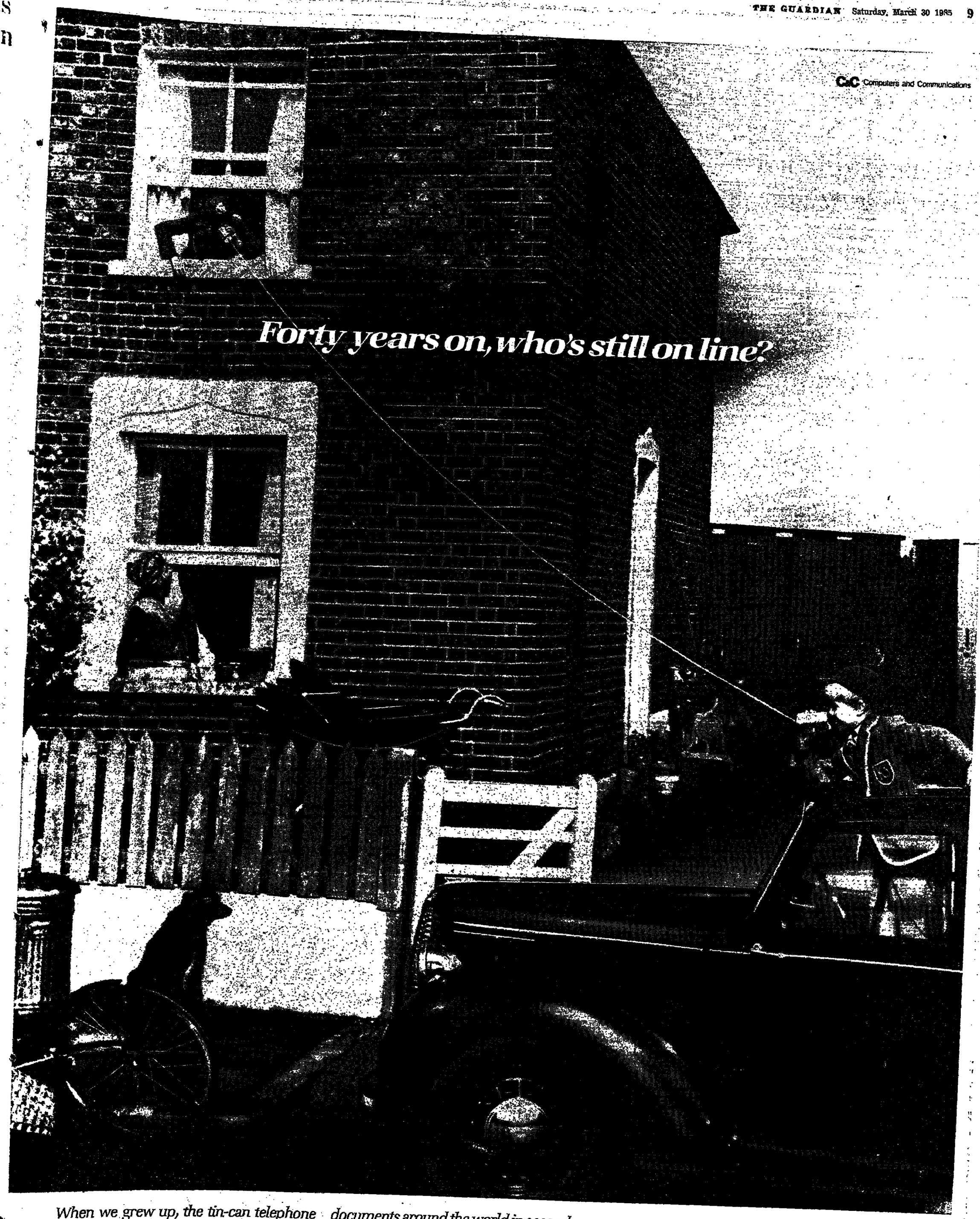


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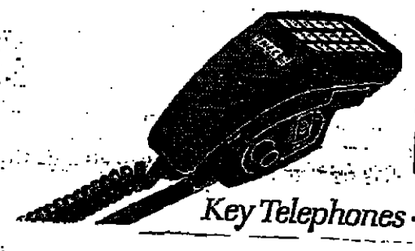
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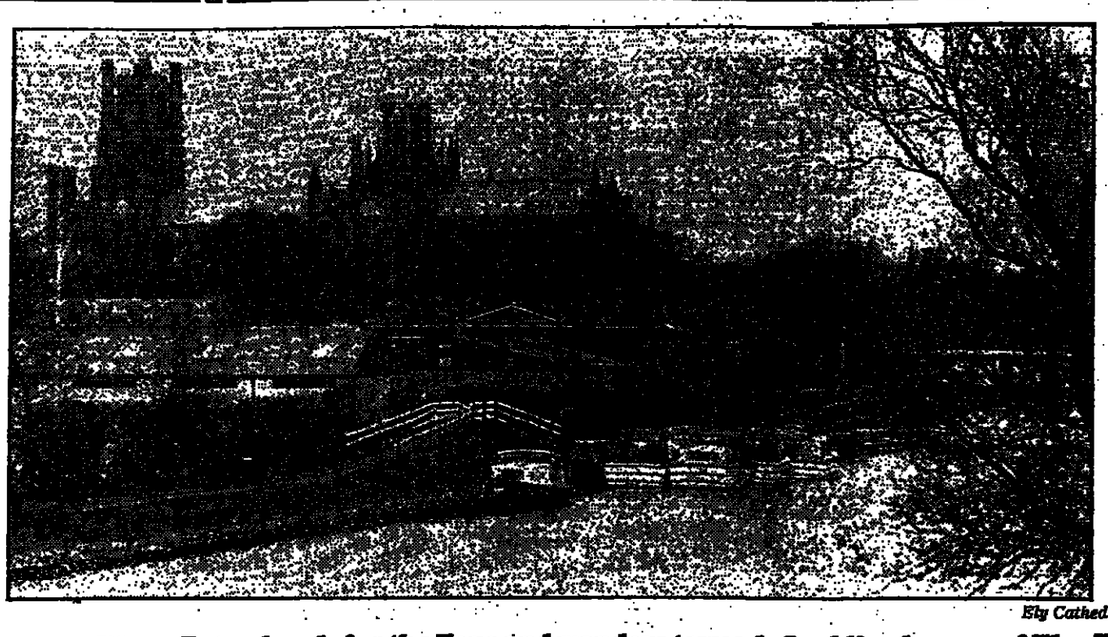
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Ely Cathedral and the water pump at Wicken Fen. Pictures by E. Hamilton West

Diana Petry heads for the Fens and wanders towards Spalding by way of Ely, Wisbech, and the Sixteen Foot Drain

High points in the flat lands

IN A FLAT and sometimes featureless countryside, one immutable landmark visible from much of the Cambridgeshire fens is Ely Cathedral, its high towers breaching the skyline, a ship at sea at times of flood.

Third largest medieval cathedral in England, it dominates its own island — the Isle of Ely, once the Isle of Eels. St Dunstan, so legend goes, punished the monks for their preference for the married state by turning them into eels; but the more prosaic and likely explanation is the quantity of fishable resident eels.

Over the centuries, sacking and mutilation of the Fen and Marshland treasures were symptomatic of the times. The Danes had a go: the Normans eventually conquered Ely, though outwitted for a time by Hereward the Wake and the sheer inaccessibility of the swampy terrain. The Dissolution of the Monasteries caused widespread suffering; and Cromwell, who once lived at Ely, had the cathedral closed for 17 years.

Little remains of the early Saxon period. It was the Normans, those inveterate church builders, who began reconstructing the cathedral on a grander scale, and ever since, grandeur has been the guide line. Grand indeed it is, its towers rising proudly above the river Ouse, dwarfing the little market town spread round its feet.

Lower the level of your gaze and the surrounding scene is one of flat land cut by arrow-straight drainage dikes, many contained between high earth banks, roads and rivers running parallel. Names are for their creators, sometimes for their size, hence Morton's Leam, Popham's Eau, Forty Foot and Twenty Foot rivers, Sixteen Foot drain, and the Hundred Foot river.

This part, spreading west over Cambridgeshire towards Peterborough, north in the direction of Wisbech, is known as the Black Fens, from the dark, peaty soil. Over the years drainage, windmills, pumping stations and any amount of inventiveness to counteract flooding, have brought considerable change to the area, now successfully farmed.

But at Wicken Fen, Britain's oldest nature reserve, its 700 or so acres owned and managed by the National Trust, scrupulous attention to the quality of fenland features has resulted in a variety of habitats, ranging from open water to fen woodland, reed and sedges for thatching, a rich plant life, and some 200 species of resident and wintering birds. A unique drainage mill has been restored for pumping water into the fen; there's a visitors' centre, footpaths with bench seats, facilities for fishermen, the Tower Hide for birdwatchers.

On islets of elevated land, towns and small hamlets prosper or survive: Soham, for instance, is large by fenland standards, much of it modern with shopping centres, recreational facilities, and a great church of East Anglian flint flushwork, replacing an early Saxon cathedral destroyed by the Danes.

The once important town of Reach at the northern end of Devil's Dyke, is now a mere hamlet. The annual fair has shrunk to mini-circus proportions, held on Rogation Mondays. Swaffham Prior has the distinction of two churches in one churchyard; St Mary's, the older foundation, the other dedicated to the martyred saints Cyriac and Julitta, son and mother.

Near the village of Lode, Anglesey Abbey stands stately in its 100-acre park, National Trust property now, and open to visitors. Prickwillow, a mere scattering of houses beside the river Lark, seems more remarkable for its name than for its presence, though its 19th century church possesses a superbly carved font, once the property of Ely Cathedral. And Cottenham's Church of All Saints, much restored, not always happily, is redeemed by its impressive exterior, the 100ft tower topped by pinnacles and near-onion-shaped turrets.

Wisbech, north of Ely, is as good a centre as any for exploring the Lincolnshire fens. A prosperous market town known for fruit growing and market gardening, it was once an estuary port on the river Ouse, but now lies several miles from the open sea. Before fen drainage it was in constant danger of flooding.

The town's Georgian aspect includes two delightful streets, North and South Brink, the river running between them. Peckover House is Georgian architecture at its finest, set in complicated gardens with an Orangery and 18th-century stables housing a collection of bits and tack; and there's tea for visitors in the Old Kitchen.

Over to the west, built on yet another fenland island, is Crowland, at least that's how it's spelt now. The original spelling, Croyland, seemed to disappear after the Dissolution, but the abbey authorites still adhere to the older version. Crowland is well known for two things: its abbey, and its triangular bridge. Croyland Abbey, founded in AD 716 for Benedictine monks in memory of St Guthlac, is magnificent in ruin, with a surviving 12th century Norman arch, 13th century west front with five tiers of sculptures, the 15th century north aisle now used as a parish church.

The bridge once spanned early waterways, now replaced by Crowland's market streets. Never intended for other than foot passengers, its high curved triple archway allowed for traffic by boat. Taken for granted now as part of the market scene, this high and dry triangular bridge comes into prominence when the town crier gives out public notices from its summit, and every Good Friday an open air service is held there.

Two centres of the Wildfowl Trust are fen-based: one at Welney, north of Ely, the other at Peakirk, a few miles west of Crowland. Set in gardens and grounds with numerous hides and observatories, these are the homes of many rare wildfowl, and hundreds of wintering geese and Bewick swans.

It's flowers, flowers, and more flowers as you approach Spalding. Visit the brilliantly coloured fields in early spring, or imagine 10,000 acres of tulips and daffodils, imagine, that is, because it's off with their heads in early May when the annual Spalding Flower Show takes place and sackloads of tulip heads adorn the giant floats.

It's an event that crams the streets of Spalding to suffocation: first the 4½-mile parade accompanied by marching bands, then a static display lasting several days when the floats are on view in the Sir Halley Stewart Field. The parade wends its way to Springfield Gardens, open April to October, and a real delight wo wander through in any season.

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Further information: Ely and East Anglian Fens: East Anglia Tourist Board, 14 Museum Street, Ipswich. Lincolnshire fens: East Midlands Tourist Board, Exchequergate, Lincoln.

Spalding Flower Show: May 4-7.

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Andrew Sanger on an unusual French anniversary

How the Huguenots staged a come-back

IT SEEMS barely credible that all over France plans are going forward to mark the 300th anniversary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Even more staggering is that the tourist industry sees in this an opportunity to promote business.

Hardly an occasion for the cracking open of champagne, one would have thought, for the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 1685, was that dictat of Louis XIV which outlawed Protestantism in France and unleashed a war of horrific slaughter and cruelty against the "heretics", destroying whole towns and leading to the emigration of tens of thousands of Huguenots (ie French Protestants) to Switzerland, America, Holland, and England.

The Edict itself, authorising Protestant worship in a number of town and cities, had come about when a Huguenot, Henri IV (of Navarre), became king in 1594. In fact he had to be converted to Catholicism to assume the Crown but, as he said, "Paris is well worth a Mass". The period of tolerance actually ended as soon as 1624, when Henri died and Cardinal Richelieu took over.

It is satisfying to recollect that the Revocation turned out to be one of the most self-defeating pieces of legislation ever passed. It wiped out a number of important and valuable old industries, for example the tapestry-weaving at Aubusson and the shipping at La Rochelle; it left northern Languedoc largely depopulated without agriculture; and caused vast numbers of Huguenot soldiers to join the English army in its war against France. Many settled in London, where the French Prostestant Church still stands at 9 Soho Square.

Huguenots who remained in France are rightly proud of their fortitude and heritage. This year's commemorations will be held in several areas which have large Protestant populations to this day, notably Flanders, cities such as La Rochelle and Montpellier, and especially the hill villages of the Cevennes which endured — and fought back against — unspeakable repression.

There are to be hundreds of reunions, meetings, symposiums, exhibitions, and festivals designed to recapture the country's Protestant past. Events will be arranged by such organisations as the Protestant Family Associations (26 rue Monsieur le Prince, 75006 Paris), which can also, incidentally, provide a child from abroad with accommodation in a non-Catholic household. The main emphasis is on welcoming any visitors of Huguenot descent who wish to rediscover their origins.

If your name has a French sound to it (such as Roget, Bosanquet, Olivier) there is every chance that your family arrived here from France three centuries ago. A friend whose name is Moiret has successfully rediscovered the village of her ancestors in northern France, has visited the place, and been warmly welcomed. She was invited into the homes of peasants — Catholics, it must be said — with the same name as herself, and given an insight into French life which no ordinary holiday could provide. The newly published A Family from Flanders, by John Peters (Collins, £12.95) tells the author's story of a similar successful search.

For a list of commemorative events around France in 1985 (which climax in October), contact the French National Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London W1 (enclose sae). Also useful is the Protestant Tourist Office, 3 rue Claude Brousson, Nimes 30000, France.

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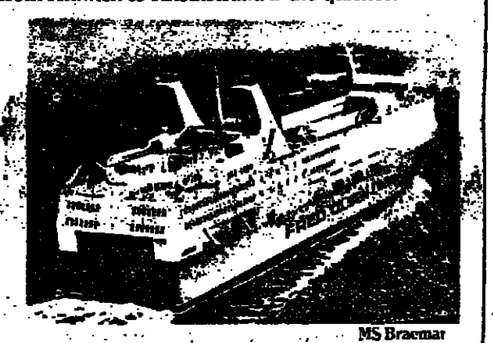
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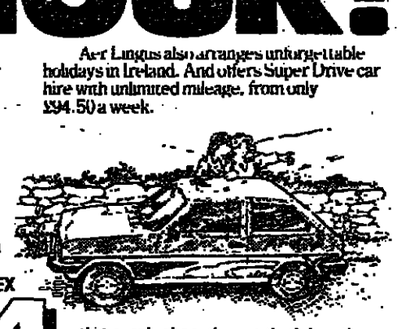
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While Stephanie Nettell floats over the Masai Mara and comes down to earth with a bump, Kim Hull offers advice on how to take off in new directions

Blowing hot and cold in the hunt for game



MOST of us had been imagining a cold eerie silence as we hung high in the still dawn air, but here we were, peeling off our sweaters and straining to catch the chirpy patter of our pilot over the roaring blast of the hot air on our backs.

Just below us the wildlife of the Masai Mara fled at our approach, while above us we were dive-bombed by a brave but deranged little lilac-breasted roller. It's often possible, we were told, to come really close to the animals, but it's hard to see how with that racket going on. The tales of baboons dropping 100 feet from the trees in fright, or of the basket nearly knocking a vulture chick out of its nest, sounded more plausible.

Peter Langford, of Kenya Balloons and Safaris, sends up two vast and gaudy balloons every morning of the tourist season — wind permitting — from Little Governors Camp. We'd got up at 5 30 and driven over from Kichwa Tembo for the 6 15 start, to catch the right layer of air.

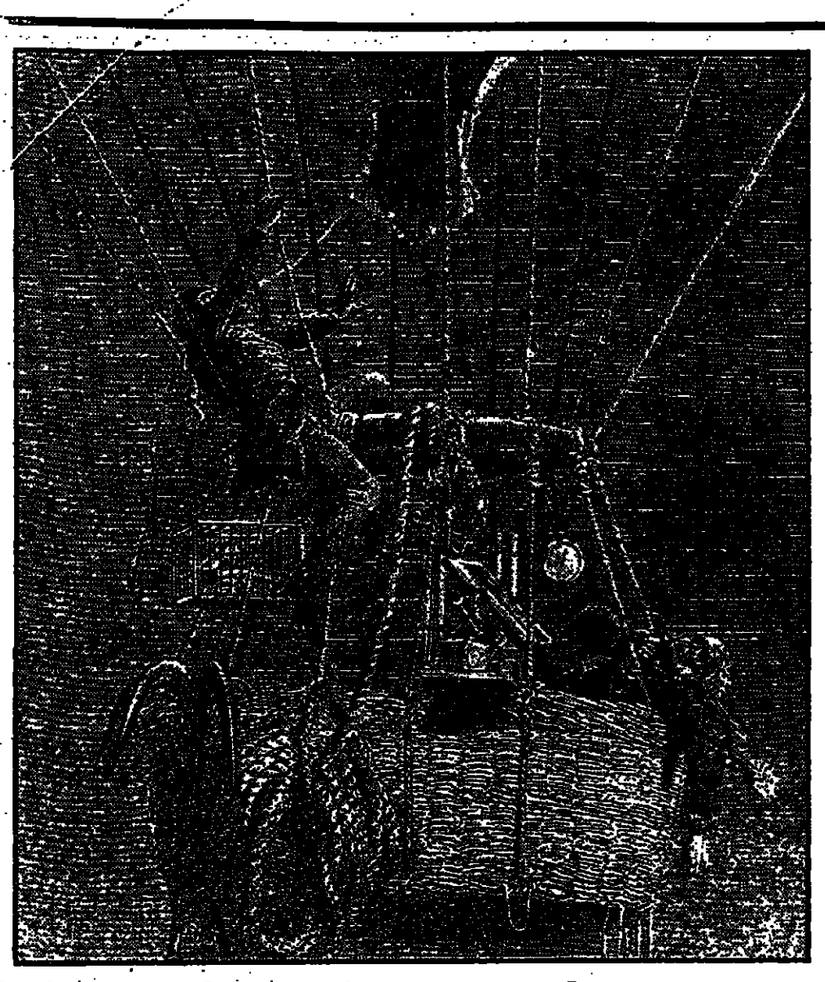
I was in the larger balloon — at 240,000 cubic feet the biggest commercial balloon in the world, 98 feet high, 60 feet diameter, costing £25,000 — piloted by John Coleman from Market Harborough, 191b in the previous year's world balloonist championships. He keeps up a jovial stream of fascinating information and awful puns ("And now we have the seven o'clock gnus") which were wasted on that morning's French audience.

Its three burners give off eight million British thermal units (using butane in Kenya, not propane). There is one liquid fire for quieter game viewing, but exact temperatures are essential at low levels, so constant thunderous bursts from the burners are inevitable. Once real height is gained — it can climb 500 feet a minute — it is able to float in total silence, and for a brief spell of our half-hour trip we looked down on the great escarpment and saw the endless plains stretching on to distant Tanzania and the Serengeti.

On the ground the balloons are tracked on their unpredictable course by the camp's minibuses, filled with support crew and the makings of the champagne breakfast that would reward the intrepid travellers. It turned out we deserved it, too, for, as Coleman put it, we "arrived rather than landed," dragging along sideways on our backs, with his fierce Barbara Woodhouse cries of "Stay! Stay!" getting through even to the French.

It wasn't quite the spiritual experience I'd heard about — its air of unreality came more from having spent £150 in just over half an hour — but it was grand in its way. I'm glad I did it.

Going up



Heading for the clouds, with and without wings

HOT-AIR BALLOONING

ALL PASSENGERS who fly in this country do so as part of a training session or as members of a syndicate or club. Consequently, the best way to get a flavour of ballooning is with one of the concerns who give courses over a week or weekend during the spring and summer months. If you get hooked, purchase prices start at about £3,000 for a good second-hand item.

CONTACT ADDRESSES:

The British Balloon and Airship Club, 1 Shirley Road, Maidenhead, Berks. London Region: Vicky Spires, 20c Breakspears Road, Brockley, London SE4. Tel. 01-691 4908. Have their own balloon for use by club members.

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HANG-GLIDING

ALTHOUGH hang-gliding gives the closest sensation to flying like a bird, it was yet another spin-off from the American moon shot programme of the early seventies.

Analogies with Icarus are inevitable as you rise up to 1,000 feet in five minutes, harnessed beneath a 30-foot span of rip-stop nylon. Flights over 50 miles are not uncommon — experienced pilots even use the grouping of birds to establish the presence of the next uplifting gust of thermal.

Since it is illegal to buy a hang-glider without a pilot's licence, the first step for the would-be bird person is to qualify on a training centre's glider.

A minimum of five days' training is needed. With favourable weather you can expect to make your first short flight after two days. The training covers the mechanics of assembly, rigging, and landing technique — your first hops are made under supervision with tether lines to the glider.

Hang-gliding requires hills as take-off points, so Wales has become a popular choice, as well as providing some impressive scenery to soar over.

A beginner's craft starts at about £900. As it folds up to 15 feet or less, it can be transported on the roof of a car.

CONTACT ADDRESSES:

The British Hang-Gliding Association, Cranfield Airfield, Cranfield, Beds. Tel 0234 751688.

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Getting your licence costs about £2,000 for the 40 hours' supervised flying necessary, but that's no reason to put off having a trial flight at your local airfield. The average price is about £15, which gives you about 20 minutes in the air.

After a short theory lecture around a balsa wood model, it's a short walk across the tarmac to the cockpit of the real thing, where the instructor spends a further quarter of an hour running through the operation of the dual controls. "Oscar, Oscar, control tower, request clearance for take off," and you're taxi-ing along the apron towards the runway. As the plane rushes up to 70 knots, the instructor hands over to you. A gentle pull back on the controls and you're off. Twenty minutes gives you time to climb to 2,000 feet, fly towards the nearest town ("hello, mum"), complete a few turns, and then head back for home. With all those gauges to watch, the first flight is intense and can be addictive.

CONTACT ADDRESSES:

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As training is required before you can parachute, you have to go to a parachuting school and do a weekend course. It's an all-year activity prevented only by too strong a wind or insufficient visibility in which to fly.

A day is spent learning the skills of free-fall stability, how to land and pack your parachute, then you are ready for the first static-line jump. The static line ensures that the main chute opens, but if that fails, a second reserve parachute is carried on the jumper's chest. This is operated separately by the rip-cord. When you have about a dozen jumps behind you, the silence of longer free-fall flights is possible, where a descent of up to 8,000 feet can be made before deploying the 'chute at just 1,500 feet from the ground.

The minimum age is 16, while over 40s will need the medical form signed by their GP. First time courses start at around £75 with further jumps costing from £4 upwards . . . it depends what height you fall from.

CONTACT ADDRESSES.

The British Parachute Association, Kimberley House, 47 Vaughan Way, Leicester. Tel. 0533-59635.

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Kim Hull

Birdwatching and water sports are the principal attractions of the Dutch lake district, reports Cyril Bracegirdle, who also has an eye for the cows

Hides and Sneek



FOR MOST tourists Holland comprises Amsterdam, the Hague and, in season, the tulip fields. Many never venture across the great dike which encloses the inland lake called the Ijsselmeer, formerly the Zuider Zee, to the northerly province of Friesland. This is the Dutch lake district, a region with scores of lakes connected by a network of canals. Here also are the Eleven Towns, each with its own individual attractions.

The area well deserves its reputation as a yachting paradise. In summer the myriad sails swarm over 22,000 acres of water like clouds of butterflies seen across the flat landscape. There are yacht-ing hotels, craft of every variety for hire, and provision for every aquatic sport imaginable. The four biggest lakes are in the south-west corner of the province, and a major factor in the popularity of Friesland with yachting folk is that on most days there is a stiff sailing breeze.

Friesland is also where the cows come from — our cows, the black and white Friesians that chew cud on so many English fields. And the Dutch are well aware of the debt they owe them. In the centre of Leeuwarden, stately capital of the province and 2½ hours by train from Amsterdam, is a bronze statue of a cow with *Us Mem* — "Our Mother" — inscribed on its pedestal. More than 40 per cent of Leeuwarden's population is engaged in the dairy business directly or indirectly, and the city has the biggest covered cattle hall in Europe, housing around 10,000 animals at the twice monthly market.

Leeuwarden is of especial interest for Americans. In February, 1792, the community was the first to vote for recognition of the new USA. A tablet in the Town Hall commemorates this event. Also in the Town Hall is preserved a document stating that Peter Stuyvesant was born in Friesland. The name had no connection with cigarettes in those days. This was the Stuyvesant who practically founded New York under the name of New Amsterdam. His home farm of Great Bouwerie gave its name to New York's Bowery. More surprisingly, Mata Hari also came from Leeuwarden.

The capital is sparsely provided with restaurants, but one useful refuelling stop is the *Pannekoekhuis* in which you may dig your way through a typical Friesland pancake. Served on a meat plate this will be a good half-inch thick and stuffed with vegetables, apples, cheese, jams and several other ingredients, even laced with crisp bacon. After one of these for lunch you can stagger round the three museums, of which the Princesshof is the best containing one of Europe's most comprehensive collections of Chinese and Japanese ceramics.

The second town of Friesland is Sneek, which plays host on its own lake to one of the Continent's biggest regattas during the first week in August. The four largest lakes are in this south-west corner of the province and Sneek Lake is one of the most popular.

Prices seem to be somewhat lower than in the major tourist areas. In Sneek there are cosy family-owned guesthouses which charge no more than £8 per night per person, and in Holland that invariably includes one of those ample breakfasts.

In another town, Franeker, it is a bit of a shock to come across an 18th-century planetarium. This was the work of Eise Eisinger, a woolcomber who, though without any scientific training, showed a remarkable talent for astronomy. In 1774 he constructed on the ceiling of his house a model of the solar system. Balls of various sizes representing the planets move in circular grooves around the sun. Each orbit is marked with the appropriate zodiac sign. This astonishing creation, driven by clockwork, can be viewed in the house just opposite the Town Hall.

Friesland has a long shoreline with the Ijsselmeer which is well suited to aquatic activities. The lake's commercial traffic is mainly towards the Amsterdam side, leaving the Friesland shore fairly free for pleasure sailing.

Beyond the dyke, some of Friesland's off-shore islands offer a different sort of paradise — for bird-watchers. The most southerly island, Texel, has small lakes and salt-water inlets which make a happy hunting ground for the European spoonbill, and for waders, marsh-harriers, bitterns, black-tailed godwits and numerous terns.

Tourists typically take home clocks and pottery. The clocks' distinctive features are the Biblical scenes painted on them. The pottery is ornate with scrollwork, the material for which is squirted on to the body through the narrow end of a cow's horn. Nothing of the cow is wasted in Friesland.

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WEEK-END ARTS

The pick of next week's television and radio

Monday

The Food Allergy War (BBC-2, 8.10). One man's meat is quite literally another's poison, or so many of the doctors interviewed in this Horizon film believe. Sufferers from arthritis and multiple sclerosis, depressives and so-called "thick-tone" patients — people with as many symptoms as a medical dictionary — have apparently been cured once an allergy has been pinpointed. More conservative doctors, not to mention the drug industry, dismiss "clinical ecology" as quackery, but the beauty of the treatment is no drugs, no side effects.

Tuesday

First Tuesday (ITV, 10.40). Families at war is the linking theme of two films in this documentary magazine. The Saidi family of Beirut, prosperous, urbane, above all reasonable people — one son confesses he would change his religion if he thought it would do any good — have survived in a country where 100,000 others haven't. "It's like living in a zoo," says 11-year-old Brahim, whose school has been bombed repeatedly. A feeling that must be shared by Asian families living in south and east London, highlighted in the second film, who have been shot at, hit, taunted and had their windows smashed, only to receive an unsympathetic, even "frankly racist" treatment from the police.

The 20th Century Remembered (BBC-1, 11.25). It is the personal details that bring alive Barbara Castle's account, in the first of a three-part series, of her fairly traditional path into politics: fearlessly investigating the deaths caused by his own stations subliminal "blipverts." The ether, Bigtime (a pirate outfit "where two's company, three's an audience.") fights back with Carter's computer-generated doppelganger, Max Headroom. Best bet of the week.

Arthur C. Clarke's World Of Strange Powers (ITV, 7.0). New just-fancy-that series about the paranormal. First part looks, in a wholly unscientific way, at premonitions.

Friday

The South Bank Show (ITV, 10.15). After Amadeus, Messiaen (in beret and spectacles)—a lifelong orgainst at his Paris parish church, comes across as a very sub fuse figure considering he is reckoned to be one of the greatest composers of this century. Christian faith and a love of nature—the point of notating and copying birdsong — are his main inspirations.

Helen Oldfield

Radio

Today: Talk of Love and War (Radio 4, 2 pm). Repeat on Don Haworth's two-hander about the two young fighter pilots.

Water, Water Everywhere (Radio 4, 4.15 pm). A stomach-turning account of how we get our water, and where it's been before we drink it.

Tomorrow: Words (Radio 3, 11.45 am). Start of a new series of this contentious little programme: Lord McCluskey begins with a look at the language of lawyers.

Nicah Clarke (Radio 4, 9 pm). New classic serial, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's adventure set at the time of the Monmouth rebellion in 1685.

Monday: Frosted Glass (Radio 4, 8.15 pm). Jane Beeson's play about incest, nowadays an unhappily familiar topic, with John Rowe as the father and Sylvesta le Touzel as his teenage daughter.

Kaleidoscope (Radio 4, 9.45 pm). Michael Oliver in discussion with Lord Gowrie and Sir William Rees-Mogg about the funding of the arts.

Tuesday: The Swirling Dawson Effect (Radio 4, 11 am). Nigel Havers as a young doctor, viewing with alarm the prospect of becoming a faith-healer.

Pictures in Time (Radio 4, 4 pm). Interview with Dilys Powell, the film critic who pointed the way for generations of film-goers.

Wednesday: Transfigured Night (Radio 3, 7.45 pm). Repeat of Robert Ferguson's haunting play about a man with a recollection of beauty past.

In Business (Radio 4, 8.15 pm). New series of the business programme starts with Britain's export record.

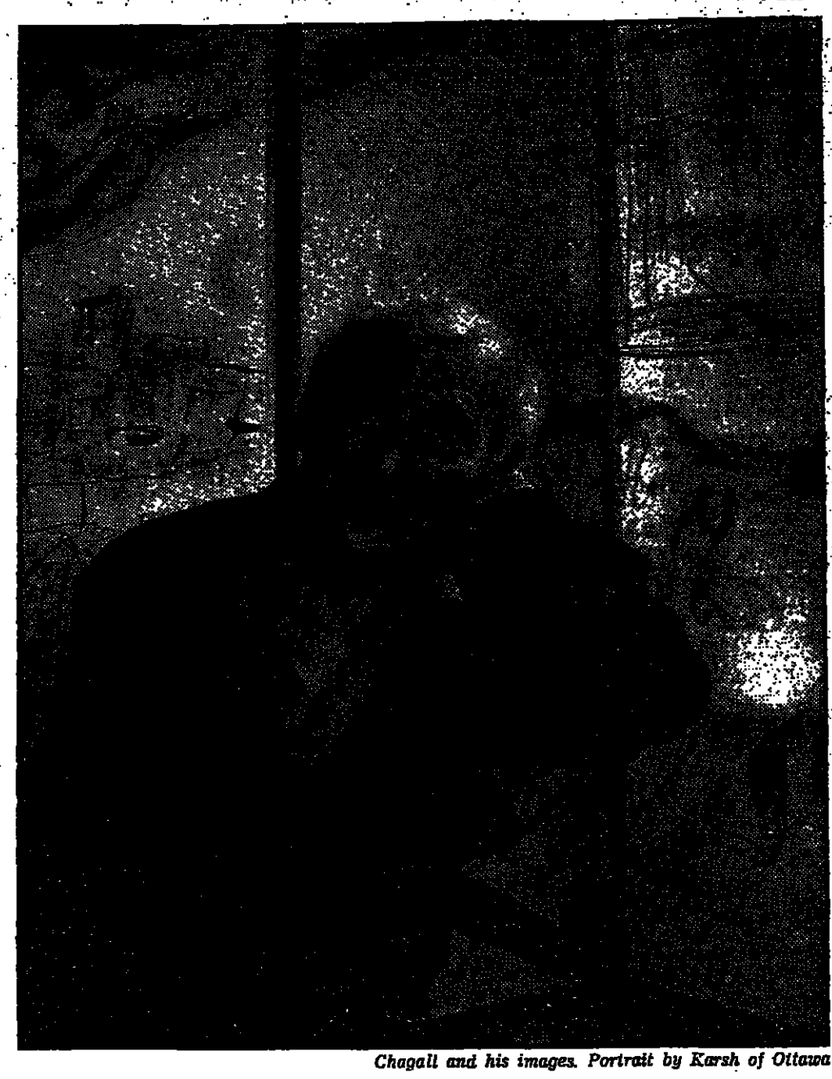
Friday: Up to Jerusalem (Radio 4, 2 pm). Rosemary Hartill's report on Holy Week in Jerusalem.

The True Tale of Margery Kempe (Radio 3, 7 pm). Dramatised feature, by Eva Figes, on the life of this 15th century visionary.

Val Arnold-Forster

Thursday

Max Headroom (C4, 9.30). Hilarious high-tech fantasy set "20 minutes in the future" which owes something to 1984, a little to Frankenstein and a lot to Network. Rival TV stations battle for ratings. One has Edison Carter, the Sean Flynn of the urban jungle,



Chagall and his images. Portrait by Karsh of Ottawa

Norbert Lynton pays tribute to the genius of Chagall

Painter of joy

THE MAN has gone, the art survives: in Chagall's case the two are so closely identified that the platitude turns into paradox. Never was a man's work more brazenly egocentric. An amazing number of people loved them both: the little man whose eyes sparkled with excitement and the art that was his song.

Marc Chagall's origins were simple and exotic, a hard-up Jewish family in Vitebsk with no particular cultural pursuits, a world of log cabins, bearded rabbis, animals, fiddlers. They appear in Chagall's paintings with such gusto that we can hardly believe the baby boy, arriving in 1887, had to be coaxed into life.

His passion for drawing led to Vitebsk art school, then St Petersburg and knowledge of some of the new names of late 19th century art. Knowledge also of Bella Rosenfeld, daughter of jewellers, who was to become his wife in 1915 and co-star on his canvas stage.

But first Paris: from 1910 until the war, young Marc was there, closer to poets like Apollinaire and Cendrars than to painters, but not averse to picking up a hint or two from Matisse and the Cubists. Through Apollinaire he gained entree to the Sturm Gallery in Berlin and there he had his first one-man show in 1914.

From then on, his art was never ignored. The tempo of exhibitions accelerated in the Twenties: Moscow and Petrograd, then Paris, Amsterdam, and Basle. From 1930 on, scarcely a year passed without a major showing, often more than one. In 1935, Londoners had their first chance to see his work at the Leicester Galleries; in 1938, New Yorkers.

Like several other artists, Chagall spent the war years in America and there his beloved Bella died — only to feature even more preciously in subsequent paintings in the usual company of flowers and fishes, suns and moons, with Marc as man or donkey. He returned to France in 1947. By then, another image had begun to float above the bouquets. In 1952, the 65-year-old Chagall married Valentina Brodsky.

Vava's background was even more plush than the Rosenfeld's: "When my father was hauling herrings," Chagall used to say, "the Brodskys of Kelv were buying Tintorettos!" She looked a lot like Bella, but came to play a managerial role as custodian of an elderly, perennially sought-after, busy artist. Some say that the bridal figures that continue to surface in Chagall's pictures continued to mean Bella, just as the fences, rooftops and onion domes always mean Vitebsk.

Chagall's range grew with his fame. President Pompidou called him "le peintre de la joie de vivre, du bonheur et du rêve heureux," but that is a limiting, wish-fulfilling view. From the start Chagall had painted death as well as life. Not all paintings of lovers denote *satisfaction. On the eve of* the second world war he introduced a surprising motif into his art, using it repeatedly therafter in various contexts: the crucified Christ.

He said he saw Christ as a Jewish martyr, and it was time of Jewish martyrdoms, but the image served to signify *all suffering and fortitude.* Dreamlike in The White Crucifixion of 1938, it becomes a triumphant presence in a painting begun in 1937 but not finished until 1948, in which warring men as well as the usual motifs of cow, fiddlers, bride and clock, circle around the crucifix. Chagall called that The Resistance.

Even then one is left with the feeling that the Christ image, potent as it is, is no *more potent for Chagall than* many another. The flayed ox for instance. As butcher's work he knew it from childhood, as art from Rembrandt's famous painting in the Louvre, and also from Soutine. Fellow Russian and fellow Parisian, Soutine had been painting ox carcases from "life"; now, though younger, he was dead and the motif was available again. But then Chagall's store of imagery had always been growing from its rich beginnings, and owed as much to art (folk art as well as art, Orthodox icons as well as Jewish tales and their illustrations).

His range of activities grew, too. Vollard commissioned suites of prints, including a set for La Fontaine's Fables (which led to angry comments in the Chamber of Deputies about abandoning national classics to a "sign painter from Vitebsk."

Tériade was to publish them after Vollard died. Most of them have the visual as well as the poetic richness of Chagall's paintings, even those done only in black-and-white like the Bible engravings.

"In Israel I found the Bible," Chagall said. He found there "our land" and a public eager to claim him, though worried by his ambiguous allegiances. And he wanted to remain the Jew outside: he loved Paris and the south of France (he lived in the Cannes-Nice area from 1949 on). He loved international stardom.

Conflicts of alignment never bothered him. He could make windows for the cathedral of Metz and for the synagogue of the Hadassah Clinic in Jerusalem with equal warmth. He could do a ceiver ceiling for the Paris Opéra and tapestries for the Jerusalem parliament, both commissions occasions for chauvinist complaints. And theatre work wherever it was wanted: for the Yiddish Theatre in Moscow in those heady post-Revolution days, for the Metropolitan in New York, the Opéra in Paris, and the little Watergate Theatre in London.

Apollinaire dubbed his art "sur-naturel," super - real. André Breton said that it was with him "alone that the metaphor made its triumphant return into modern painting." Breton was exaggerating, as so often, but the emphasis on metaphor was right. It is Chagall's insistence that the reality we call unreality is the true homeland, his no more than ours, *that marks him out — more* than the enthusiasm, the "loverliness" that can at times clog the arteries of response.

He was on the whole a more serious artist than his admirers allow. In 1973, the year that saw him enjoying a hero's welcome in Moscow, he put a set of 17 largish paintings on *Biblical themes* on show in a special museum in Nice. Asked to explain his art, he said that he could not understand it himself: the pictures are "only pictorial arrangements of images that obsess me." What matters is whether they burn their way into our personal strongholds of images and feelings. Many of them do.

Waldemar Januszczak adds: It was somehow appropriate that right up to the very end critics could not make up their minds about Marc Chagall. The retrospective of his work which arrived at the Royal Academy with such crucial timing was expected *to force opinions to crystalise,* but it left it as diffuse as ever. If anything it deepened the divide between those who quibble and fuss with the details of his career — adoring the early period, uncertain about the middle, hating the late — and those who love Chagall wholeheartedly, as a glorious entity, sugariness, sentimentality, maudlin moments and all.

The Royal Academy exhibition supplied his career with a beginning and end. We joined Chagall as a painter of said Jewish interiors and we left him as an incredible 90-year-old, still painting frolicking lovers with uninhibited zest. Right to the end his dreams were a young man's dreams.

When all is said and done he will not be remembered as a major innovator or a precocious genius, a giant of Modernism, in the way that Picasso or Matisse will be remembered. He was more of an Avercamp than a Rembrandt.

Nancy Banks-Smith at the Tower of London

Raven images

THAT'S all fine and large but what about Anne Boleyn with her head tucked underneath her arm at the midnight hour? What about Monmouth who needed five strokes of the axe "And even then Jack Ketch had to draw his dagger and cut the last shreds of flesh." What about the little princes in the Tower and Queen Catherine Howard who cried so much the execution was postponed and Rudolph Hess, that living ghost, first imprisoned there in 1941 and never free again.

I was disappointed that *John Pitman, who can* usually be relied on to speak for England ("Did she have any clothes on?") did not ask about bumps in the night during Just Another Day's The Tower of London (BBC 2). If there are no ghosts in the Tower of London I shall retire in high dudgeon or, if you insist, low dungeon. Perhaps another series, Just Another Night, is called for.

It is a frightful place. I wouldn't be seen dead there, a feeling I share with Elizabeth I who staged a sit down strike outside the gate saying pointedly there were worse places to sit. Bones crop up in the lawn and break the mower. The gardener blames it on the ravens. "An absolute pest" but they poor birds are prisoners too, having had their wings clipped.

From the ladies loo comes the sound of thumps rather than bumps as Germans and English fight each other, according to the attendant. She inherited the job from her mother, who refereed fights there for 20 years. They set great store by tradition in the Tower.

The most charming visitors were 84-year-old Hilda Mandrell and her dog, Patch. Cries of "Come along. Don't be naughty. Isn't he a good dog" announce their appearance. Hilda's story is poignant. Seven years ago, after being widowed, she set out for Boots to buy something to end it all. "I was walking along and I saw this little dog running in and out of the traffice and I thought 'Oh, that little dog is going to get *run over' and I ran into the* road and this big lorry nearly knocked me down." The upshot was that they lived happily ever after. "I thank the Almighty God for him coming into my life. He's given me something to live for" said Hilda and with parting cries of "Oh you're a lovely boy. Good boy" they both vanished.

I say, you don't suppose . . . that lorry . . . seven years ago. You don't think . . . No. No?

City of Fear (LWT), a special report shown, which is a pity, in London only, had the encouraging and increasingly persuasive *theme* that what cities have to fear is not so much crime as the fear of crime. An opinion poll indicated that half London's adults feel unsafe walking alone at night and more than a quarter of young women expect to be raped within the year. Which, as Euclid said, is ridiculous and makes you look sideways at both opinion polls and panic.

The report began with Rose, a Peckham pensioner, who has not opened her front door for five years: "I sit here for hours, watching the bank door and the crack in the curtain. Sometimes I go to bed and have a good cry" and it ended with Monica, a Lewisham pensioner, who had just thrown a policeman on his back: "Now Monica. Going to try your lazy arm? Put him down. Get rid of him!" Dave, the policeman, having been thrown by several elderly ladies was taking his time about getting up. What the women were learning was essentially confidence.

I turned all this over in my mind on the way home. In the train a bunch of youths were cleaning their feet on the seats. I asked them to put their feet on the floor and, when one didn't, swung them off the seat. I imagine he was both off balance and off guard for he leaped in the air, rotated 180 degrees and fell face down on the floor.

No-one was ever more astonished than I was. Oh, I don't know.

No-one was ever more astonished than he was.

Children's fiction

● *The reviewer of children's fiction books in yesterday's paper was Isabel Quigly and not Maryhanita Laski. We apologise for this error.*

LOGAN HALL

Edward Greenfield

Friedenstag

OF ALL Richard Strauss's operas Friedenstag (Armistice Day) the shortest, has the most grandly Beethovenian pretentions, even if it never quite lives up to them. This conducted performance at the Camden Festival, lustily conducted by Nicholas Cleobury with the Chelsea Opera Group, had one registering more wham and bang than spiritual uplift.

This was the piece which, in the late Thirties at the height of Nazi power, Strauss devised in covert collaboration with his Jewish friend, Stefan Zweig who had been vetoed as official libretist. Ironically it was acclaimed as "the first opera born from the ethos of the National Socialist spirit," and ever since the Second World War *has suffered neglect as* a consequence.

The basic idea is effective, to light on the day in 1648 when for the first time in 30 years peace came to central Europe, and to see how it affected a besieged citadel. The implacable Commandant wants to continue fighting even though his wife, in a central passionate duet, pleads against him, and the besieging Holstein forces actively make their peace, their general himself offering friendship.

The echoes of Beethoven's Fidelio are plain with the commandant's wife a Leonore figure married to a monomaniac Pizarro. Unfortunately with everyone nobly motivated the dramatic conflict lacks bite in a way that Fidelio ever does.

Battling against the most unhelpful acoustic in London the Chelsea Opera Group forces did well to lift the piece enough to make one hope for a regular staging. Florian Cerny sang impressively if rather too amiably as the Commandant, but Marie Hayward Segal as Maria, his wife and the only named character, rarely produced steady enough tone to give much pleasure. In smaller roles Roger Bryson, John Treleaven and Steven Page all distinguished themselves.

The sweetest singing of the evening came in an epilogue, when Elizabeth Harwood sang Strauss's Four Last Songs. In the face of this late masterpiece of resignation, the bombast of Friedenstag was cruelly exposed.

KING'S COLLEGE

Hugo Cole

The Discontented Newlyweds

STEPHEN Storace, friend of Mozart and sister of the first Susanna in Figaro, was himself a composer of some stature, though probably too versatile for his own good. He could, Sheridan said, have been Lord Chancellor if he had been brought up to the *law. His Sposi Malcontenti* was a success in Vienna in 1785, even spawning a wind band arrangement of some of the airs, the equivalent of a highlights recording today.

It would be best, if only one could, to forget about Mozart when listening to the music. But points of comparison are many. Both composers took over many of the operatic conventions established by Sarti, Martin and others, and Storace did not go far beyond them. There is a ceaseless flow of pretty tunes, many well-devised ensembles and no lack of apt and interesting motives in orchestra as well as on stage, although Storace never develops them at length, and sticks to the plainest and most predictable harmonic course, with some picturesque orchestration, but nothing that suggests a reflection of character or mood in the instruments or writing.

There is one complex character, a discontented wife still half in love with her sister-in-law's admirer, who is allowed a full dress aria in the grand manner, and a genuine villain, whose malicious plots keep the story spinning along for two long acts. Opera Viva's mainly youthful cast sang the music well, with two heroines, Jennifer Thirtle and Lorna Gyton, with bright, clear and true voices, quite large enough for the small theatre. Simon Preece was an agreeable romantic lead. Christopher Davies lent ballast to the cast as a tyrannical father-in-law. The small orchestra played with spirit for Leslie Head.

Production and decor, at a lower level of achievement, did little to help along the ramshackle plot, but Brian Trowell's free translation came over well. We got a good idea of the strengths and weaknesses of this leisurely, undemanding but often charming entertainment.

CARDIFF

David Adams

The Fantastic Ambition

THE fantastic ambition of Paupers' Carnival's latest show is, modestly, to account for the origin of the world. At least we know where we are, which is more than is often the case with their unique brand of experimental theatre. Although whether the invasion of a bookish professor's world by a troupe of deranged circus *performers explains creation* is another matter.

All the usual Paupers' Carnival hallmarks are here: a fussy attention to fiddly bits of business, wind-up gramophone and hurdy-gurdy, a set full of masks and antique ephemera and bric-a-brac, characters with cold lips and white faces. But there's also a discipline that, along with the simple story line, makes the show one of the company's most accessible and most successful for some time.

They always invite us to enter a world of whimsy where people behave erratically and things are never as *they seem;* where universal myths are woven into a world peopled by oddballs.

The remarkable skills of Dek Leverton and Vanya Constant are here again, evident not least in their control: as manager and circus ringmistress who rule their performers, their influence extends to the production itself, one suspects.

There are, as always, some lovely sequences that could only come from Paupers' Carnival. The Fantastic Ambition shows something of a return to form that makes us look forward to the recapture of that magic that has marked them out as something very special in their 10 years' existence.

SADLER'S WELLS

Alastair Macaulay

Ballet Rambert

RICHARD ALSTON'S Wildlife baffled and disappointed me when first presented on tour by Ballet Rambert last May. On a third viewing and with a change of cast it still surprises me, but happily so.

Wildlife is a collaboration of artists. Nigel Osborne's score has a striking range of sonorities, with rhythmic outer sections around a serenely still centre. Richard Smith's hanging shapes, brightly painted, can rise or fall or turn, creating avenues or corridors of colour along or across the stage. Peter Mumford's lighting, with vivid hues, is timed to accentuate *shifts of emphasis within* dance, music, decor or all three. The whole achieves an odd series of atmospheres.

From its first flex-footed pose, like a fanfare, the choreography announces a Richard Alston different to the one we've known. The most obvious difference is of vocabulary — a variety of turned-in legwork, crouched poses and lying-down movement added to his phrases.

As a whole it is still peculiarly diverse, and I think it has its naff passages, as in some of the ensembles for the cast of six. Naff too I find the all-over tights and parts of the score (breathy flute-work *a la Jethro Tull* or safari percussion a la Daktari). But it has many passages of strange grace, as in the calm duet for a couple in yellow, full of phrases that coolly lead to unexpected situations. Many moments of wit too, as when Smith's hanging kits turn in the air, like paper tigers, and meet with an audible clack that seems to trigger a tintinabulation in the pit.

BARBICAN

Michael John White

LSO / Abbado

THE Mahler and Vienna Fetival has been painting its portrait in strict profile: Mahler, the grand precursor of modern ideas, looking sideways out of the frame into the 20th-century. Just how far Mahler reflects a shift in focus, revealing new possiblites for musical expression, was well illustrated in this pairing of his Fifth Symphony with Berio's Concerto for Two Pianos with Claudio Abbado conducting and Bruno Canino and Antonio Ballista as the pianists.

The dramatic, not to say traumatic, face-on contrasts in the symphony were underlined by Abbado with special emphasis. He fixes suddenly on some small object of instrumental detail or pulls back to take in the perspective of a full orchestral statement with an agility that matches the composer's own zoom-lens technique — another kind of shift in focus which is used to sharpen the ironic content of the score.

But by agile I don't mean light-loaded. On the contrary, this was a powerful, dynamically conceived performance, with the brass positioned prominently and an awesome depth of sound drawn from the strings. Strong characterisation in the grim humour of the funeral march, and a strong sense of movement, too, in the adagietto, where Abbado seemed anxious to establish a clear temporal framework rather than allow the movement to determine its own, almost unapparent pace.

The Adagietto has a near equivalent in the long keyboard introduction to the Berio Concerto — the most prominent solo statement in a piece which is more properly a concerto for orchestra rather than for its designated two pianos. The muffled density of Berio's writing produced some entrancing instrumental effects, firmly handled by Abbado and pointed with meticulous, bird-like delicacy by Canino and Ballista.

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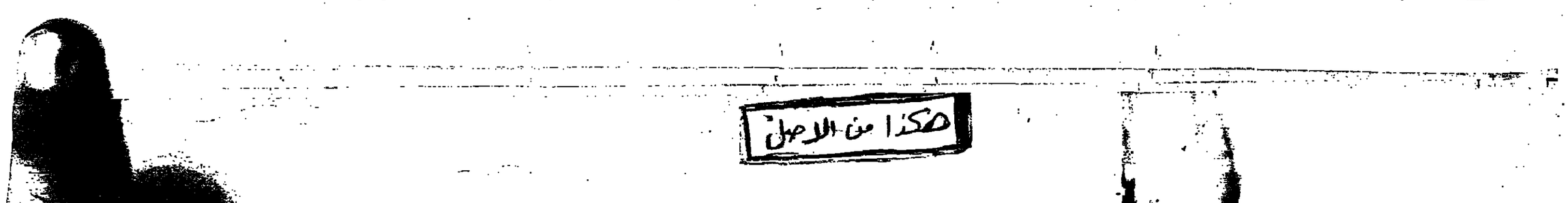
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The bodies scattered over the field like potatoes . . .



Going like ghosts into battle: Russian soldiers launch an attack on a German position near Moscow

SVETLANA Alexeyevich was born seven years after the war ended, but it is through her eyes that the new Soviet generation has come to comprehend it. She comes from Byelorussia, where every fourth person died in the war. She spent five years on the research for her book, conducted over 500 interviews, and travelled the length and breadth of the USSR with her tape recorder talking to women about what the war had done and meant to them.

The book War's Unwomanly Face has caught the Soviet imagination in a quite remarkable way. You can hardly open a magazine or a literary journal without reading an extract, or an interview with the calm, attractive young woman who has brought the art of oral history to life.

Radio serials, TV shows and films have been developed from her book, most notably Victor Dashuk's I Met You which won the Silver Dove at the Leipzig Film Festival. Even after publication, the book will not let her go. She has received thousands of letters from women war veterans who read her book, and now want to have their own stories and memories recorded somewhere, somehow.

"Every letter, every testimony is history, part of the people's memory, and that is an incalculable moral wealth," says Svetlana. "We need this in our spiritual



Svetlana Alexiyevich: every letter is history

life, just as much as we need oxygen. Perhaps we ought to gather all the memories, all the letters and notebooks that come from that time of war and make them into a great textbook, a source book from which we could talk about today and tomorrow and learn how to live. These letters and memories are priceless. Any work of fiction, whoever the author, pales beside them. This is life itself."

The book is the more powerful because of the remarkable contribution Soviet women made to the war effort. Over 800,000 of them served in the armed forces, and most of them were at the sharp end, as snipers, machine gunners, fighter pilots, anti-aircraft gunners, commanders and paratroops. When in 1945 the Red Army fought its way into the heart of Berlin, a Red Army photographer caught for posterity the graffiti scrawled on the walls of the Reichstag. One read: "I, Sophie Kuntsevich, came to Berlin to kill war."

"Although I was born after the war, my life was shaped by it. I am part of a generation which still has its own accounts to settle. My own family lost eleven of its members. My own 'war,' which is how I think of this book, lasted for five years and I was often shattered by what I heard. At times, I felt I could not endure any more . . . and I kept a diary of my travels and meetings, my reactions to hearing of war from its heroes and victims. For a long time, I did not dare use the words 'I feel' or 'I doubt' because my own feelings and doubts felt as nothing compared to their feelings and torments.

"I deliberately avoided famous snipers or renowned pilots and partisans, as so much had already been written about them. More than once, the women said to me 'We were just ordinary girls who served in the army. Like so many others.' And these were precisely the people I was looking for. One of them, a medical orderly, said to me 'if you look at the war with our women's eyes, it would seem the most dreadful thing imaginable" — and that is the idea underlying my book."

Svetlana's long pilgrimage among the women veterans forced them to reassess their own memories, to put into words not only memories, but fears and images that had long been hidden by 40 years of peace. One girl, a signaller called Antonina Valegzhaninova, fumbled for words to describe the battle of Stalingrad. Suddenly, the image came to her. "Potatoes," she said.

"There were scores of dead. They were scattered over this huge field, like potatoes brought to the surface by a plough. They lay in their positions. They were collected like potatoes. Even horses such sensitive animals, who walk in fear of stepping on a man, even they were no longer afraid of the dead . . . the potatoes."

Stalin? What became of Lenin?

FIVE months before Hitler invaded the Soviet Union, the young officer cadet and boxing champion Vladimir Karpov was arrested, just hours before the passing-out parade that was to give him his lieutenant's epaulettes. He had wondered aloud to a fellow cadet why they only ever heard of Stalin, and whatever happened to Lenin?

He spent the whole of 1941 and the first half of 1942, while the Soviet armies reeled under the German assault, in a prison camp. He bombarded the Supreme Soviet with written appeals, asking to be allowed to use his military training at the front — in any capacity. Eventually, he was told they would send him to a penal battalion.

"There were no medals for us in the punishment battalion — the first and last award we could expect was to win back our good names, and you had to pay blood for that. In very special circumstances, you could get relieved from penal battalions for particularly heroic acts. But for most of us the only relief was wounds or death," he said, sitting in the editor's office of the most prestigious Soviet literary journal, Novy Mir.

Karpov is the man who came back. From the prison camps to a seat in the Supreme Soviet, the USSR's parliament. He sits on the foreign affairs commission that is chaired by Mikhail Gorbachev, was a member of the official Soviet delegation to Indira Gandhi's funeral, and this month, a special edition of 2,200,000 copies of his novel on the war is to be published.

"After the battles of 1942 and 1943, I was given my first award, a small square of paper that I still keep — my official amnesty. I was then a fully-fledged soldier in the Red Army, and because I had been a champion boxer, I was recommended for the reconnaissance service. Our job was to go behind enemy lines and bring back 'tongues,' prisoners for interrogation!

"I knew that if I survived the war, life would not be easy with that enemy of the people label still hanging over me. Without any professional training, what could I do after the war? Could I go back to my home town of Tashkent with my head held high, and remove from my family the undeserved shame of my arrest?

"I decided that if I showed myself to be a brave soldier, I might win an award, and then life would be easier. I won the 'for courage' medal, and then the Red Star and I was already dreaming of a third award. I had just turned 20.

"In the reconnaissance section, your name was not put forawrd for an award for one brave deed alone. There was an unwritten rule. Pilots had to shoot down 20 enemy planes. We had to bring back at least 20 'tongues.' I brought back 45 'tongues' before my commander put me forward for an award, because of the black spot on my record. When he first proposed me, the papers came back with the words scrawled on them 'do you know who it is you nominate?'

"Then I was summoned by Vasily Boiko, a member of the Military Council, who asked me to tell my whole story, and then suddenly asked if it was not time, I joined the Communist Party. I became a member, and then I was wounded, and was sent back to a Moscow hospital. On my first day of convalescence, I saw a decree on the front page of the paper with my name on it, as a hero of the Soviet Union. I went back to the Moscow HQ to find out if it was really me, and I nearly got arrested. The officer asked why I thought it should be me and I told him 'because I did not spend my war sitting where you sit now'."

Karpov stayed in the army until 1965, retiring as a regimental commander, and spent his last years in uniform attending night school at the Moscow Literary Institute. He had always wanted to write, he said, and he was lucky enough to be sharing classes with a gifted group of students that included Yuri Bondarev, one of the most impressive Soviet novelists now writing. Bondarev's last novel Igra, attacked as anti-Soviet in some official



Vladimir Karpov: particularly heroic

quarters, has been staunchly defended by Karpov, who counts him as one of the star writers with Novy Mir (New World).

"After I was given the 'hero' award, I went home to Uzbekistan, and the First Secretary of the Party took me aside and told me the star I had won would help me through life, but it was like climbing a mountain. Anybody else could trip, fall down, and then just carry on climbing. But not me. If I fell again, the gold star would be a heavy burden. If I failed to justify the confidence that the party and people had vested in me, it would be much, much more difficult ever to rise again. I never forgot that."

The long haul to victory

THE Anglo-American Manhattan Project to produce the atom bomb was probably the biggest single industrial operation of the war. But it was dwarfed by the efforts the Russians made to shift almost half of their industrial capacity out of the path of the advancing Germans. Nikolai Libedinsky remembers it well. He had just graduated as an engineer and was working in a new factory near Moscow that was producing anti-aircraft artillery.

"We had planned it for weeks ahead, and in one night, with the Germans bombing raids already under way, we began to load the machine tools onto the trains for the long haul east to the Urals.

"Apart from the time of the journey, we did not lose a single day of production. When we unloaded at the far end, there was power and water and raw materials and spare parts, and we set up the machines on the new concrete floors and started production again. There was no roof to the factory. The walls were still being built. The dormitories for the workers were still being built, but we kept on producing the guns," he remembers.

"When we got to the Urals, what surprised me most was not that our own plant was ready to start production, but that right beside us was another plant. They intended to double production—not just to keep it going. The production targets were being increased all the time, by the workers themselves, not by management. There was no time off, no holidays. And most of the workers were women and teenagers. More and more of the men were called to the front."

In the five months between the German invasion and the Russian counter-attacks at the battle of Moscow, a total of 1,523 of the biggest industrial complexes in the country were shipped back to safety. Almost 700 of them went to the Urals, another 300 were sent beyond the Caspian Sea to Kazakhstan, another 250 to central Siberia—and looking back, their re-location laid the basis for the postwar explosion of industrialisation in the far corners of the USSR.

"I remember the industrial help we got from the allies. The Studebaker cars were magnificent, beautiful machines — we relied on them. The Dodge trucks were less reliable, always breaking down. We did not get as much as we needed—I think the Soviet Union received about one third of the American lend-lease supplies that Britain got, but we needed everything we could lay our hands on.

"I was brought into the central state planning office in 1943," he went. Professor Libedinsky stayed there ever since, built up and ran its computer complex, and is now deputy chairman.

"I was working on the targets for the Five-Year Plan once the war was over, and young and enthusiastic as I was, even I didn't believe that we could get back to the pre-war levels of non-military output in five short years. Somehow, we did it in three. There was a spirit about people in those times, a determination to get work done. It is hard to describe — it was not a Kamikaze-style heroism, it was more awesome than that. You felt you were part of something unstoppable."

Signal from the summit

TODAY, Lyubov Korotayeva is a Moscow granny who is delighted that she has just acquired a rare ticket to the puppet theatre for her grandchild. But every February on the radio, they play her song: "Do you remember comrades, the white snows of Mount Elbruz, and the message we left in the grenade?"

In February of 1943, 20 red army mountaineers climbed the highest peak in the Caucasus, ordered to rip down the swastika banner the German mounting troops had planted there when they climbed it in the softer weather on the previous August.

"We set off at 2 am and it was bitterly cold," Lyubov remembers. "The wind had polished the ice so it was like glass. When we reached it, the summit was dead and bare. The winds had blown the Nazi flags away, but we planted our own red banners, fired a salute from our machine pistols and embraced. This year, there were only 10 of us still alive for our annual reunion."

The song was written about Lyubov and the mountain troops some years after the war, when climbers discovered a small cairn on one of the lesser summits. The cairn was topped by a defused grenade with a message inside that read "on the day the enemy started to run, we climbed here without ropes or tents, in greatcoats and velenki (felt boots) to point the way for other troops." It was signed by Lyubov and a mountain instructor, and Soviet radio launched a nation-wide appeal to find her.

"I was then working in a small college, teaching chemistry. I had just come out of hospital after having TB. I remember the doctor asked me if I had ever been really cold, and I said no. I had forgotten the time when my comrades had chipped me free from the ice.

"We climbed this ridge to spot the German artillery positions, and then 50 metres below us, we saw hundreds of Germans. We did not dare move, because if they had seen us they would have found all our troops. So we lay there all day, not moving, until the Germans began to withdraw. It was then that I put the note in the grenade. It was the winter of the great victory at Stalingrad."

Now a chemistry professor at Lumumba University, teaching the third world students hwo come to Moscow on scholarships, when the war began Lyubov was a keen mountaineer, and worked in summers as a climbing instructor in the Caucasus. When the war broke out, she was assigned to a radio school, and was then sent behind the German lines as radio operator with a partisan group.

"When the Germans began their drive into the Caucasus, our troops were taking heavy losses because they did not know the mountains. Avalanches, the cold, the precipices — they were all dangerous and the Germans had specially trained mountain troops. Stalin issued an order for all climbing experts to be transferred to mountaineering schools for the troops, so I was brought back from behind the lines, back to the mountains."

A farm full of heroes

ALEXANDRA Monakhova is a small, bird-like woman with a rare and hesitant smile that can suddenly lighten her face. She runs the Communards Collective Farm near Moscow, sending 60 tons of fresh milk a day to the capital, and like so many of her generation, never forgetting the war.

"Our farm's chief agronomist, he reminds me every time I see him. I remember when he came to see us, straight from hospital, with his empty sleeve pinned up. The military hospitals weere so full, they would send the wounded on to a farm to convalesce, and do what work they could. I remember when he started to study to get his qualifications, learning to write his notes left-handed after a day in the fields. We can't forget.

"I was a farm worker all through the war, growing potatoes and vegetables. We were all women and children and some old men, old enough to remember other wars. But mainly we were women.

"I remember one day we were in the fields and someone came running with a copy of Pravda that said that the Germans had hanged Tanya. She was a famous partisan, a guerrilla, and the Germans stripped her naked and hanged her in the village of Petrischevo, not far from Moscow. I think that was the only time we all broke down and cried, standing there in the fields, crowding round that copy of Pravda."



Alexandra Monakhova: weeping over Pravda

"There was another time. They sent a boy to us from the hospital, he he weighed less than 30 kilos. We were strong then, after forking up potatoes and carrying the big sacks of them, and my heart just broke as I carried that boy. We saved him, in the end, and built him up again. Somehow, we found time to do things apart from farming.

"The winter of 1941, we built defence lines near Moscow, trenches and tank-traps, just with spades, and burning fires on the ground to melt it enough to we could dig it. We voted to excuse the girls who were breast-feeding because this work was so hard.

"We only had enough fuel to thaw the ground, so we would cram ourselves 20 and 30 into a room to stay warm, too tired to sleep, and then we would all write letters to the military hospital our farm had adopted. We didn't know who the poor boys were, but we made sure they got letters, even from strangers. But the thing about the war, there weren't any strangers".

Wives at the front line

IN the May of 1944, after the heavy battles to force the Germans back across the River Dnieper, Alexander Solzhenitsyn and his battalion were some way behind the front lines near the small town of Zhlobin.

Solzhenitsyn had just taken leave and made the long, difficult journey to Rostov, in a vain attempt to see his wife, the beautiful Natalia Reshetovskaya. Having failed to find her in Rostov, he arranged for her to join him at the front, a not uncommon practice in the Red Army in wartime.

It took some arranging. Solzhenitsyn's loyal Sergeant Ilya Solomin made the trek to Rostov with a tunic, a military belt, beret and epaulettes, a forged red army pass and travel warrant and brought Natalia back to the battalion. She was greeted with a glass of vodka by the battalion commander.

"I stayed for three weeks," Natalia said. "It was a strange time. The battalion was about to be taken over by a new commander, who was not sympathetic to wives in the front line, and there were some difficulties with Alexander. He always insisted that as an officer, people ought to stand to attention for him whenever he came into the trench — even me."

This was also the time, according to the brilliant biography of Solzhenitsyn by Michael Scammel, when the young couple began to argue about whether or not to have a family. Solzhenitsyn was against it, and Natalia wanted a child. He later wrote to her: "You think of the future in terms of your personal life and happiness. But the only terms in which I can think are what can I do for Leninism . . . to write a history of the years after the October Revolution as a work of art is something that perhaps I alone can do."

Those arguments, and those letters, coming just before his arrest, cast a shadow over his years in prison and helped lead to the eventual divorce.

But just 41 years ago, reunited near the battlefront, they knew a little brief and intimate happiness in one of the curious backwaters of the war.

Solzhenitsyn by Michael Scammel (Hutchinson £18).

Manchester Guardian 1945

MARCH 31: Our London Correspondence: Dr Goebbels still tries to instil some vigour into the efforts to keep the home front together — or as much of its as remains under the control of the regime. Appeals for blind faith are issued amidst rapidly growing confusion. At the same time the official propaganda is still engaged in explaining away the seriousness of the situation. Germans at home are told that tank thrusts into the heart of Germany are more important from the point of view of their moral and political effect than on actual military grounds.

MARSHALS Koniev, Zhukov, and Rokossovsky have been awarded the Order of Victory, said a decree issued by the Supreme Soviet.

The diamond-studded Order of Victory star, worn for the first time by Marshal Stalin at the Teheran Conference is the highest military distinction of Soviet Russia.

APRIL 4: Our London Correspondence: With the retreat of the Germans in Hungary news is reaching Church agencies in this country of their treatment of Church leaders and property during the withdrawal. At Kecskemet, a Calvinist centre, two colleges were destroyed, and the Bishop of Debreczen was killed when he ordered the white flag to be hoisted on the entry of the Red Army into the town.

A delegation of Russian officers visited one Calvinist bishop and informed him that he would be able to continue to officiate quite unhindered, while the Moscow radio appealed to both Protestant clergy and Roman Catholic priests to proceed with their work.

APRIL 5: Washington, April 4. Mr. Edward Stettinius, Secretary of State, to-day expressed confidence that "a fair solution will be reached" by the three-nation commission on the composition of the Provisional Polish Government.

The Secretary of State made the statement in a letter to Senator Taft (Republican, Ohio), who had urged that the United State should "refuse approval of any Provisional Government predominantly under the influence of the Russian Government or not proportionately representative of the Polish people."

Senator Taft, in his letter, asserted that stories from Poland told of the "arrest of members of the Polish underground and their shipment to Russian concentration camps." He added that it would be a "tragic error" for the United States to recognise any Government under which the Polish armies would be inable or afraid to return to Poland."

BIRTHDAYS

TODAY (Saturday, March 30): **Sir Robert Armstrong**, secretary of the cabinet, 58; **Warren Beatty**, film actor, 48; **Eric Clapton**, rock guitarist, 40; **Graeme Edge**, of the Moody Blues, 42; **Rolf Harris**, singer, cartoonist, 55; **Frankie Lane**, singer, 72.

TOMORROW: **Herb Alpert**, the brassman, 50; **Richard Chamberlain**, actor, 50; **John Fowles**, author, 59; **Pat Lowry**, chairman, ACAS, 65; **Dame Sheila Sherlock**, professor of medicine, London University, 67; **David Steel**, MP, leader of the Liberal Party, 47; **Lord Trefgarne**, parliamentary under-secretary of state for the armed forces, 44; **Sidney Weighell**, former NUR leader, 63.

MONDAY: actresses: **Ali MacGraw**, 47, **Debbie Reynolds**, 53, and **Carol White**, 42; **Christopher Bishop**, managing director, the Philharmonia Orchestra, 53; **David Gower**, cricketer, 28; **Tom Jackson**, union leader turned bookseller, 60; **Baroness McFarlane**, professor and head, department of nursing, Manchester University, 59; **Maxwell McGlashan**, professor and head, department of chemistry, University College, London, 61; **Marie Patterson**, national officer, Transport and General Workers' Union, 51; **Charles Price**, United States ambassador to Britain, 54; **Steve Race**, musician, broadcaster, 64.

TUESDAY: **Cecil Bevan**, principal, University College, Cardiff, vice-chancellor, University of Wales, 65; **Sir Jack Brabham**, former world motor racing champion, 59; **George MacDonald Fraser**, author, journalist, progenitor of Flashman, 60; **Paul Gambaccini**, pop music critic, 36; **Catherine Gaskin**, novelist, 56; **Sir Alec Guinness**, acotr, 71; **Barry Hills**, racehorse trainer, 48; **Sir Ian Hunetr**, impresario, 66; **Penelope Keith**, actress, 46; **Michael Rizzello**, sculptor, coin designer, 59; **Sir Denis Rooke**, chairman, British Gas Corporation, 61; **Denis Tuohy**, television journalist, 48.

WEDNESDAY: **Tony Benn**, MP, 60; **Marlon Brando** and **Hugh Burden**, actors, 61 and 72; **Theo Crosby**, architect, industrial designer, 60; **Doris Day**, actress, singer, 61; **Dennis Farr**, director, Courtauld Institute Galleries, 56; **Helmut Kohl**, chancellor, West Germany, 55; **Adrian Love**, broadcaster, 41; **John Virgo**, snooker player, 39.

THURSDAY: **Peter Attenborough**, headmaster, Charterhouse, 47; **David Cross**, Bishop of Blackburn, 57; **Trevor Griffiths**, playwright, 50.

FRIDAY: actors: **Jane Asher**, 39, **Bette Davis**, 77, **Nigel Hawthorne**, 56, and **Gregory Peck**, 69; **Verona Elder**, runner, 31; **Agnetha Faltskog**, of Abba, 35; **Tom Finney**, former England footballer, 63; **Stanley Orme**, MP, 62; **Jennifer Penney**, ballet dancer, 39; **Herbert von Karajan**, conductor, 77.

Greece puts a strain on democracy

A crisis of political legitimacy in Greece is not a matter to be shrugged off lightly. The last one, two decades ago, led directly to a military dictatorship of a thuggish brutality and a political banality unknown in Europe since 1945. The row over the election of a successor to President Karamanlis, who resigned on March 10, will not have such dramatic results. But anything which subverts the fragile democratic consensus which has emerged in Greece since 1974 is deeply subversive of a stable future for the mother of democracies.

The immediate crisis is, of course, one of arithmetic. To elect a successor to Karamanlis, 180 votes were needed in the national assembly. That vote was obtained yesterday for the Pasok (Socialist) government candidate Mr Christos Sartzetzakis, but only after much dubious arm twisting of MPs by Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou. The crucial vote came from the acting president — a Pasok MP who took up temporary office after the resignation of Mr Karamanlis. Now the official Opposition, New Democracy, says it will refuse to recognise the Socialist president. If confirmed in office, his edict will be challenged through the courts and his decisions boycotted. It is even possible that New Democracy will withdraw from parliament completely.

Behind this arithmetical crisis is a deeper crisis of political style. Mr Papandreou has won a reputation for robust and unpredictable populism coupled with a pragmatic exploitation of anti-Western resentments and anti-Turkish fears. He has rocked the Nato and EEC boats, earning deep suspicion in particular from Washington. In context, Karamanlis, a well regarded elder statesman brought back from exile to rebuild democratic Greece after the dictatorship, became a useful symbol of the underlying moderation and stability of the Papandreou regime. Mr Papandreou broke that mould last month when he unexpectedly refused to endorse Karamanlis for a second term. It was a gesture to placate Pasok militants. That refusal was not, as hostile commentators have suggested, an immoral act. Nor was it in any sense anti-democratic. (Why should a majority socialist government automatically feel compelled to re-elect a conservative president?) The refusal could, however, prove to have been a deeply counter-productive decision both for Pasok and for Greece.

A general election must, in any case, be held before autumn. Pasok's snub to Mr Karamanlis means that the Papandreou government will be presented by its rivals as preparing the ground for a period of extreme and autocratic socialist rule. That is almost certainly untrue, but it is perceptions that matter at the ballot box. Equally, the main opposition party, New Democracy (of which Karamanlis is a leading member) has, by its highly technical and legalistic challenge to the president elect, imposed its own additional strain upon the constitution for no very compelling reason. Whenever the election is held it will now be bitterly contested with each party calling into question the democratic credentials and political maturity of the other. So it is not only the Greek constitution which is now open to prolonged questioning. There is also the matter of whether either of the major Greek parties has yet learned to act with the responsibility and sensitivity which a young democracy requires. The danger for Greece is that the barrack room lawyers and the political bullies are once again pushing aside the statesmen.

The shadow of Maria Colwell

Social workers from the London borough of Brent have had a public mauling as a result of the Jasmine Beckford case. And they probably deserve it. It may be that decisive fresh facts will emerge from the inquiry under Mr Louis Blom-Cooper QC which Brent Council was quick to set up this week. Nevertheless, the charge sheet against the social services department looks very serious. There was considerable prima facie evidence to show that Jasmine might be at physical risk when Brent decided to return her to the care of her natural mother and her stepfather, Mr Maurice Beckford. Mr Beckford, now serving ten years for Jasmine's manslaughter, had already received a suspended sentence in 1981 for actual bodily harm to Jasmine's sister, as a result of which both girls were originally taken into care. When the sisters were later returned to the natural parents, a normal procedure and not in principle a wrong decision, fears were publicly expressed. The foster mother was moved to write in detail to Brent warning of the danger and expressing her fear that the case might become "another Maria Colwell." The social services department clearly saw that there was risk. But over the period between the spring of 1983 and Jasmine's death in July 1984, Brent became persuaded that the risk had diminished. Thirteen months before Jasmine died, Brent even applied for the care order to be lifted, though the application was unsuccessful, while in the last ten months of her life, the department allowed itself to be misled about and marginalised from the care of Jasmine Beckford. The result was the killing of a four-year-old child.

For 12 years all social workers have lived under the shadow of Maria Colwell, whose death in Brighton in 1973 exposed very similar inadequacies in statutory child care practice. As a result, procedures have been tightened up in many areas. But not, it seems, in Brent. Indeed the borough's assistant director of social services more or less admitted as much when he told the trial judge this week that changes have been made since the Jasmine Beckford death. The field social worker will now have to ensure that the child is actually seen on each occasion that a visit is made. Paediatric advice will also be on hand. Welcome changes. But why were they not made beforehand? And in how many other social services departments are there still similar loopholes?

For all that, it is easy to be wise after the event. Those of us whose mistakes do not put others at mortal risk should be suitably cautious in censuring the failings of those, like train drivers and social workers, whose errors can have such tragic consequences. So it ill becomes rent-a-quote MPs like Mr Geoffrey Dickens to exploit the Jasmine Beckford case for a generalised attack on social workers. Decision making in child care cases is about risk assessment. There are no easy answers. Social workers are almost invariably looking for the least damaging choice in a situation governed by inadequate welfare resources, overstretched caseloads and intense competing psychological and emotional pressures. Mrs. Thatcher's Britain is a society in which enormous moral stress is placed upon the virtue of the natural family unit and in which the state, not to mention the inner-London boroughs, are discouraged from excessive nannying or policing of parental responsibilities. It may further be that the Beckford case has important general lessons for social work practice. For example, training may not be doing enough to equip social workers and health visitors to overcome natural psychological reluctance to broach suspicions of violence. Jasmine Beckford may also have been the victim of the horrendously difficult issues involved in trans-racial fostering policies. Mr Blom-Cooper's inquiry will need to address these tangled issues. But nobody should kid themselves that the best answers are anything but the least bad compromises.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Retreat into danger

Sir, — Dr Cullen of the Health and Safety Commission chooses (Letters, March 16) to take issue with one point in Sarah Boseley's article about the commission's Plan of Work for 1985-6. She said the plan suggests HSC is proposing to reserve its resources for areas it sees as the greatest risk, the new high technology industries.

Dr Cullen quotes selectively from the report to refute this: "We should reserve our direct intervention and deploy our resources for those areas *where the risks are greatest*; where high technological capacity has to be brought to bear to diagnose or control risks; where the national or public interest is affected, or where standards applicable internationally, nationally or across industries have to be generated."

He continues, "Elsewhere our aim should be, in the first place, to ensure that the necessary work is done by others, whether on the basis that they create the risks, that they are in a position to understand or locate them best, or that they have or can have a commercial interest in overcoming them."

This can only mean that the HSC *is* proposing to retreat from active inspection or enforcement. It will set standards, and leave others to apply them — insurance companies, local authorities, and the firms themselves. HSC, however, recognises that other parties might not be keen to take on this role if it gives up.

In fact, local authorities have a real and valued role in health and safety enforcement, but their resources are limited and subject to competing demands. The necessary standardisation could be achieved only by an extra-regulatory function which would consume scarce resources. Self-regulation by individual firms is a back door move to bypass the *Health and Safety at Work* Act and insurance companies have other commercial pressures.

The HSC plan appears designed to suggest, under the disguise of effective resource allocation, a dilution of the Health and Safety at Work Act to *meet the current* gross understaffing in HSE, itself the result of arbitrarily enforced government cuts.

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Spellbound

Sir, — The problems we are having with the new Soviet leader's surname will soon cease. It is obvious that we will soon be on first-name terms with such an *affable man*. Then we need only refer to him as Mike — or should it be Mick? — Yours faithfully,

Chris Ford.
Manchester.

Sir, — Perhaps Lord Winstanley will tell us how to spell Gorbachev. — Yours,

Adrian Perry.
Sandal, W Yorkshire.

Suffer South Africa's children . . .

Sir, — In 1983, in the normal course of their duty and not during civil unrest, the South African police shot dead 211 people (nine of whom were juveniles) and wounded 368 people (51 juveniles).

This information was given in the South African Parliament by Mr Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, in answer to questions from the Opposition. The figures for 1984 are not yet available.

During the period 1976-79, 978 members of the police force were convicted of offences ranging from common assault and intent to do grevious bodily harm to culpable homicide and murder. Of these 978, only 48 were discharged from the force.

It is this police force which is unleashed upon schoolchildren protesting against their inferior education, striking workers, women from the bantustans in squatter camps, people attending funerals, and so on. The gunning down of unarmed people, as in the recent massacre at Langa, comes naturally to such a police force.

Since the massacre President *Botha has announced* that his lawless police force will continue to maintain law and order: a grim prospect for those in South Africa who oppose apartheid. — Yours faithfully,

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Sir, — Photographs and film of demonstrations in South Africa show a majority of the protesters to be young people. Some are obviously well under 18: children by the accepted international definition . . . and it happens to be International Youth Year.

Since little is heard about the treatment of young South Africans *after* arrest, it should be made clear that thousands are held in the same prisons as adults. Although this practice is condemned under international law, it still goes on in many countries, including Britain.

On March 19 last year 403 children — the youngest was 13 — were serving sentences in South African prisons, and 571 were being held in prison either uncharged or untried. In 1983 the numbers of young children imprisoned with their mothers or born in prison was 3,415.

Incidentally, the number of white children in these totals was four, 21, and 11 respectively.

As an example of cases not covered by the above figures, a 10-year-old arrested in Cradock was held for three days before charges were withdrawn. Few accused juveniles are legally represented.

Although reported by Reuters news agency, the death in 1983 of a young child while in police hands went unnoticed outside South Africa, despite the many cases of police brutality documented by Amnesty International and others.

Although the whole question of children in prison has become public in South Africa after the publication last December of a report for the Defence for Children International Geneva, my request to the South African Embassy in London for a breakdown of official statistics remains unanswered after two months.

A DCI report, Children in Adult Prisons, to be published later this year, will leave very few countries with any cause for self-satisfaction about how their child offenders are treated in custody. Already investigative work for the DCI project has had a beneficial effect in some of the 23 countries covered. — Yours truly,

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Sir,—Geoffrey Bindman says in his article on South Africa's legal suppression machine (Agenda, Mar 25) that the South African government must be pleased at its success in deceiving the British Government into treating its sham justice as if it were the genuine article. I regret it is Mr Bindman who is deceived.

The British Government — any complexion — knows exactly what goes on, fully supports the "set-up" but, under democratic pressure, has to go through the motions of protest and revulsion. Its record is *one of* complete comprehension coupled with a resistance to do more than strike postures if politically pressed.

Apartheid is extremely profitable.—Yours truly,

Erwin du Toit.
Old Coulsdon,
Surrey.



Sir, — Seumas Milne reports (Guardian, March 23) that "the Anti-Apartheid Movement has closed down its dissident City of London local group . . . the immediate reasons for disciplinary action was the City Group's refusal to restrict membership to those who *live or work* in its area."

But no clause in the Anti-Apartheid Movement constitution has been cited under which it can take such action. The City group has not refused to restrict its membership, but has asked for an area to operate in *where there are no other* local groups.

Mike Terry, secretary of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, reveals the truth later in the article when he says the dispute is partly to do with how to "communicate the message about South Africa."

City of London Anti-Apartheid Group is open to all people who oppose apartheid. For three years we have held pickets outside the South African Embassy in Trafalgar Square every Friday evening. We have held pickets of Barclays banks, South African Airways, and companies which invest heavily in South Africa.

We have held street meetings, demonstrations, rallies and conferences. We have a group of singers who sing African freedom songs. Although we have invited speakers from the national AAM and informed them of our activities, they have not come. We have taken part in all the activities of the national AAM.

At a time when black people in South Africa are being massacred once again in the streets, we deplore the action of the executive of the Anti-Apartheid Movement and call for united, concerted action against the apartheid regime. — Yours

Richard Roques.
City of London Anti-Apartheid Group,
London WC1.

All the fun of the air

Sir,—In her review of The Last Place On Earth (March 28), Nancy Banks - Smith recalls King Haakon's wartime visit to the BBC to deliver his broadcast to the Norwegian resistance. However, Bush House lore cherishes a different account: the King, in admiral's uniform, simply announced himself at reception as "Haakon" and said he was expected by the Norwegian Section.

The commissionaire picked up the telephone. "A Mr Hawkins here to see you, sir." The producer rushed down and conducted the King to the studio in the basement. It was to be a live broadcast and there was no time for a run-through.

As the King was reading, it became clear that the piece would under-run and there would be some 40 seconds to fill at the end. In some haste, the producer phoned the record library and asked for a record of fanfares to be sent down which he thought would be a suitably dignified ending to the King's stirring call to his people.

The record arrived just in time and was immediately put on the turntable. To the producer's horror, this is what blared forth from the loudspeakers: "Come on, lydies and gents, only tuppence a throw, 'oo knows but ya my be lucky, this is your chance, 'ampstead 'eath on Bank 'olidye . . ." with *Wurlitzers and a great deal* of shrieking in the background.

The record library must have misheard, for what they had sent down was a record of funfairs. The producer wanted to die. However, the King could not have been nicer. He said these things happened—and later he even put in a word to save the unfortunate producer from any disciplinary carpeting.

Francis Rentoul.
1 Chara Place,
London W4.

When the social worker goes on trial

Sir, — Despite your headline "Child's 10-month ordeal kept from social workers" (March 26) it seems *likely that the trial of Maurice* Beckford and Beverley Lorrington after the death of her daughter Jasmine, will lead to another bout of social-worker-baiting.

In the past decade social work has become the whipping-boy for a society bent on increasing the stresses — economic, social, and psychological — of parenting young children. When parents begin to crack, society expects social workers to do something. Quite what is never clear.

When, as a result of previous cases like Jasmine's, social workers have readily removed children from parents at the slightest sign of risk, they have been castigated for prejudicing parental rights. When they give parents the benefit of the doubt, they are subjected to trial by media. Whatever they do, some people will be angered, even outraged.

Attempts should be made, however, to learn from the numerous child deaths that have occurred among social service cases since that of Maria Colwell more than 10 years ago. The similarity of events leading to the deaths of Jasmine and Maria is chilling.

Once again social workers have been fobbed off by those supposedly caring for the child. What makes this possible?

Society — including, I suspect, social work educators and social service department managers — does not wish to acknowledge that social work on occasions is a physically dangerous job. It *is difficult to* gain entry to someone's home if they are intent on keeping you out, or confining you to a particular part of it.

How many social work courses teach techniques for managing this situation, by now common enough in any *inner-city caseload? How* many social service departments foster a climate in which a social worker can without fear of ridicule express her or his fear of carrying out such a statutory visit?

Over the past year health visitors and GPs have also voiced fears about home-visiting in certain areas, while you ran a piece a few months ago about the physical abuse sustained by nurses in casualty departments of inner-London hospitals.

Once a child has been deemed to be "at risk," a social service department should not tolerate a visit being made without the child being seen. Arrangements should be commonplace for the social worker to return in the company of a senior colleague or the police.

Although the child is deemed to be the one "at risk," social workers persist in seeing the family as the client. But empathy with the parents must not be allowed to obscure the fact that the child is the client, at least in the statutory sense. And talking about the child is not enough: she or he must be seen.

Research suggests that social service record-keeping tends to lapse under unremitting pressures of crises and limited resources. And it is simple to see how a child in care can "disappear" for some months without trace.

Regardless of statutory requirements, however, recording is central to any therapeutic endeavour if planned rather than random intervention is to be made. If social workers wish to retain any scrap of autonomy they must define recording as a central aspect of it.

But the brutal fact remains that without wholesale removal of children from parents at the first signs of risk — a policy which carries horrendous implications — there will continue to be the occasional death of a child in the care of a social worker. — Yours

June Huntington.
King's Fund College,
London W2.

A benefit to fight for

Sir, — The recommendations of the Social Security advisory committee on child benefit (Guardian, March 28) would amount to a major pay cut for women and a dismantling of the universal family allowance which mothers have fought to win and defend since the 1920s.

It is an open secret that the Government wants to freeze child benefits and then introduce "selective" benefit payments as the first step towards a two-tier system of means-tested child benefits. Mothers would in this way be divided between the poor and the even poorer.

Every mother is entitled to child benefit — the only state recognition mothers get for the work of bringing up children. Whether or not the man in the house has money or pays tax is no measure of what money the woman has. Very, very few mothers pay 40 per cent tax.

To take money away from mothers is to encourage violence and rape in the family; often child benefit is "the only money I can call my own"; "the only money I don't have to ask a man for"; "the money for a bus ticket to take me and my children away from a violent *marriage*."

Any form of means testing of child benefit would mean many women wouldn't claim the money they're due; would mean governments would have the power to stop child benefit payments to strikers, students, single mothers, or whoever they may want to starve into submission; would mean mothers were pitted against each other to fight over the crumbs.

The introduction of family allowances in 1945 did more to redistribute wealth in women's favour than any other single piece of legislation before or since, and as such was a major victory. In 1973 mothers mobilised to defend this money and are now mobilising again. They are determined that on this issue the Thatcher Government can be defeated. — Yours sincerely,

Suzie Fleming.
Montpelier, Bristol.

Double-bluff of TV religion

Sir,—May I be among the first to congratulate Dr Mark Corner (Face to Faith, March 25) on his simply argued but long overdue criticism of the virtual monopoly held by Christianity in religious broadcasting.

With the possible exception of Channel 4, not only are non-Christian religions given extremely short shrift or treated with condescension, or — most commonly — given separate broadcasting times outside peak viewing periods, but any version of Christianity itself which does not fall under the mainstream definitions has to fit into a scheme designed to shout at the audience: "This is a minority interest only, so go make the tea now."

Perhaps TV religion is actually, then, a clever double-bluff by fanatical anti-religionists: they so smother us with conformist claptrap knowing that the vast majority will get bored and switch off — literally and metaphorically.

(The Rev.) Frank R. Clabburn.
Unitarian Information,
London WC2.

Sir, — Dr Corner's account of Christain belief in the Trinity is puzzling.

As a lecturer in religious studies at Newcastle University, he must realise that he has misstated the traditional Christian explanation of the workings of the Trinity "ad extra," and that even his use of the word "persons" is an ambigious use of a technical term.

One is left to speculate as *to why* he should want to mock Christianity before the ignorant, puzzled non-Christian theists.

He rightly deplores attitudes in a "multi-cultural society like our own, where they encourage a patronising or contemptuous attitude on the part of some British people towards others."

The Rev. J. C. Edwards.
London W1.

Miscellany a little more at large than usual

Sir, — It is in moments of high glory *that* we are most prone to give ourselves away: Oscar awards are sometimes painfully revealing about how a society sees itself.

The Killing Fields was financed in an attempt to expiate America's guilt over its involvement in South-east Asia, yet the (Asian) actor who plays the central role in the film and whose suffering and endurance symbolises the travail of Cambodia, is given the award for the "best supporting actor."

Who was he supporting? The image of American catharsis, clearly still more important in the American consciousness than the holocaust its Asian imperialism set in motion. — Yours faithfully,

Arthur Arnold.
Shipley, W. Yorkshire.

Sir, — A colleague who lives in Philbeach Gardens, London SW5, was telling me of the flowers that had been placed in the road where James Baigrie had died. She said: "These people seem to forget he was a murderer." She then went on to say how well the police had looked after the residents.

Mr King's letter (March 28) confirms my view that there are many Guardian letter-writers who would condemn police no matter how these affairs were handled. Would Mr King be happier had a few policemen been killed or injured?

Come on, residents of Philbeach Gardens, let's have a few kind words for the men who protected you.

(Miss) **E. C. Bartlett.**
London SE10.

Sir, — William Middleton has been badly stung if he believes ("Who needs sex?" Futures, March 28) that it is the emergence of drones that "induces the bees to swarm." Bees swarm long before drones have been hatched, stimulated by the hatching of one or more queens.

Queens and workers do indeed result from unfertilised eggs but, to produce the vital if idle drones, a virgin queen needs sex like everyone else, though everyone else might not be content with perhaps only one mating. — Yours faithfully,

(Lord) **John Kilbracken.**
House of Lords.

Sir, — It is reported that you are planning to start your own bingo game. Can I just say that, if these rumours are true, you will start it without me.

J. H. Jo[illegible]ge.
Worplesdon, Surrey.

Sir, — Bingo zingo. At last my favourite daily paper is going to offer me a prize for reading it. Please pay no attention to all the dreary nannies who object to these games. We ordinary readers would love to play.

S. Rowe.
Ripley, Derbyshire.

We have received many letters on this subject over the past two days. It is hoped to clarify the Guardian's position soon. — Ed. Gdn.

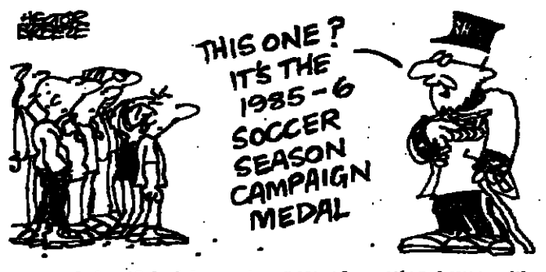
Why we should use the troops to police the football hooligans

Sir,—As a probation officer in Luton, most of my "clients" are offenders in the 16 to 25-year-old category; many regularly visit Kenilworth Road and other football grounds, not to watch or discuss football's artistic value, but to "have a laugh" and, of course, to fight.

Their anger is directed not at *the opposing team*, but primarily at the police. My group of lads are mainly unemployed, ill-educated, bored, lack basic social skills, and have a low tolerance level. But, above all, they *hate* the police.

Apart from the odd madman who wishes to attack players, referees or both, most soccer violence involves mass destruction of property and organised attacks on the police supervising the game. Why the police, and why mainly at football matches?

On March 15 at the centre for young offenders where I work, I held a discussion



with 13 lads: 10 had been at the Luton-Millwall game on March 13. I expressed my general concern at the way a small minority of "fans" would eventually cause games to be postponed, clubs to close, and perhaps a player's death. Incidentally, each had condemned the violence as silly, stupid, etc.

But as the discussion went on, they began reciting stories about how good it felt to be in with a large group with the common purpose of creating havoc with little or no chance of getting caught. All the group agreed on one point: football grounds provide the ideal "stage" for physically assaulting police officers with impunity; for attacking swiftly, then withdrawing into the crowd.

We then discussed what should be done and, yes, all my lads favoured "harder and longer prison sentences." From this conversation, I conclude that extreme measures are required. I'm not a ranting, right-wing fanatic who wishes to "hang or flog the sods," and I don't believe there is a "cure." My ideas are simply these:

For a trial period, "problem" football grounds should be patrolled by *troops*, thus withdrawing the fans' principal target, the police force;

Make all games all-ticket; ban British Rail and coach firms from running "soccer specials," the smash - things - in - your - way - day; and ban alcohol;

All serious offenders should receive long-term imprisonment; for the less serious, "police supervising orders" when big games are being played;

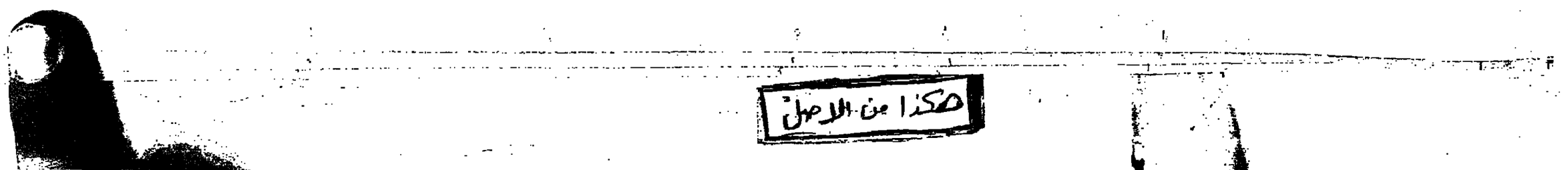
And the players themselves should be made more accountable for their behaviour on the pitch.—Yours,

Mike Hardy.
89 Bideford Green,
Leighton Buzzard,
Bedfordshire.

A COUNTRY DIARY

WIMBLEDON COMMON: On March 31, 1771, Gilbert White commented on "the face of the earth naked to a surprising degree." At this time of year we often oscillate between amazement at the bleakness and delight in the sweetness of the season. Certainly the cold has made it a little less easy to enjoy this March, but its pleasures remain. The bare trees almost vibrate with the intensity of the great tit's sawing spring note. More discreetly, tucked among the holly leaves, a robin "singing so rarely" relaxes the grip of winter for all who hear him. On the mere, a single swan practised warfare displays with a rather troubled collie paddling desperately back to dry land. The other birds were in breeding plumage and paired up. Two tufted ducks expressed the delight of spring in their smart dives and suave recapture of poise with a swift toss of the head. A coot surfacing with a piece of delectable debris was immediately joined by a black-headed gull and this unlikely pair settled down to peck over the weed together. From a distance trees still look gaunt, but closer observation is exciting. The dark beeches have unrolled their cigar-shaped buds to show the delicate green of the new leaves. On the birches the purple-brown male catkins are clearly formed while the *male* catkins on the goat willows are ripening into yellow pollen, drawing our eye from the less spectacular greenish-white female. With the hazels it is worth stopping to look beyond the familiar lambs-tails to see the intense red tassles of the female flower. The holly is *already* preparing for next winter with its small clusters of pale purple buds awaiting the longer warmer days to open. Back in the garden the frogs croon, the spawn appears—and yet how many perished in this cold winter.

AUDREY INSCH



WEEKEND SPORT

Richard Baerlein summarises his fancies for the World's greatest steeplechase

No need to guess—West Tip's a snip

The form book rather than the pin is likely to decide this year's Seagram Grand National, when, in my opinion, the winner will start at under 12-1. There are too many horses with no chances at all to make it worthwhile looking for a winner at 50-1 or 100-1.

Peter Luff's 8-year-old gelding, West Tip, has been given the opportunity of a lifetime to win the race. His two victories at Cheltenham and Hereford since the weights came out on January 30 were so impressive that he has earned a rapid rise in the official ratings.

In future handicaps he will be meeting Drumlargan on 11lb, Lucky Vane on 13lb, Greasepaint on 17lb, Hallo Dandy on 19lb and Corbiere on 36lb worse terms than he meets them today. With such figures on the flat he would be classed as a handicap certainty and they would back accordingly.

Unfortunately, in the National, other factors are called into play, such as ability to handle the jumps, stamina and particularly luck in running. His price was down to 8-1 before the first of the new assessments came out in the Scottish Grand National.

West Tip was given an inspired ride by 21-year-old Richard Dunwoody at Cheltenham, his fourth victory in succession, where he was only in fourth place approaching the final fence. His rider had lost his whip a mile from home and trainer Michael Oliver said that such a lazy horse surprised him by the way he ran without the help of a whip to win by four lengths.

Had West Tip not won the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase at Sandown on January 5, Oliver was going to wait until next season for his first National effort. That first victory of four in succession was not particularly inspiring, with Canny Danny beaten only a length giving him 24lb.

It convinced his trainer, However, that his charge had the necessary stamina and was coming to hand fast. He has never stopped improving since. His delayed appearance on the National Hunt scene was due to a serious accident when hit by a lorry as he was rising six years old. The accident seems to have given him time to mature.

West Tip and his rider make a confident pair. Dunwoody says his mount corrects his own mistakes if left alone. This will be Oliver's third National runner.

In 1979 Master H started a strongly-fancied 10-1 third favourite, only to unseat his rider when going well. That is why the trainer hopes for the best but seems a convinced pessimist.

West Tip, from 33-1, has forced himself into the National picture at 7-1 by his brilliant performances to join the four veterans of a year ago when Hallo Dandy, Greasepaint, Corbiere and Lucky Vane finished in that order, following Corbiere and Greasepaint the first two in 1983, when Hallo Dandy ran fourth.

Jenny Pitman has got Corbiere back to his best physically through a session in the hunting field. He has 4lb less than a year ago and meets Greasepaint on 11b better for one and a half lengths. He looked magnificent when winning at Chepstow the other day, but he did have an awful lot in hand on the book.

His chance will depend largely on the going for he is most unlikely to fall, having completed the course two years running without a mistake. If the ground is really soft he will be very hard to beat, because he outstays the opposition.

Lucky Vane finished two and a half lengths behind Corbiere a year ago and has 4lb the worst of the weights. That is because Lucky Vane gave Corbiere 6lb and a one length beating in the Foodbrokers Happy New Year Chase at Cheltenham on January 2. Lucky Vane now receives 11lb, a turnover of 17lb in his favour. However, Corbiere is handicapped strictly as a superb Aintree performer.

Toby Balding is delighted with Lucky Vane's performances this season. "He is a much improved horse and his jumping is far better than a year ago," said Toby, who has been looking forward with relish to this race all season. His charge's two mistakes in last year's race cost him plenty of ground.

He made a couple of mistakes in a recent race over three miles at Sandown, when a close third to Dumper, showing unexpected speed from the last fence. He is likely to reverse placings with last year's three if he can complete a clear round.

Dermot Weld has given Greasepaint a special preparation to be at his best on the day in the hope of improving his record of finishing second in each of the last two runnings but I am going to stick to West Tip to win from Lucky Vane and Corbiere.



THRILL OF THE CHASE Some of last year's contenders smash their way through Valentine's

PINSTICKERS' GUIDE

Racing Editor, Harry Heymer, takes a light-hearted look at the runners in todays great spectacle.

CORBIERE: Its fairly easy when you know how — or so they say. Didn't quite make it for the double last year but is in great shape to make amends today.

DRUMLARGAN: Will never beat a retreat, has a touch of class and has a classy jockey in John Francome.

GREASEPAINT: Nothing in his make-up to put you off. Is a great performer over these fences, finishing second for the last two years. Third time lucky?

LUCKY VANE: Needs a little luck with his jumping but he certainly stays as he showed when fourth last year.

HALLO DANDY: A fop maybe — but not a flop! — Strong, safe chaser who could easily follow up last year's victory.

BROOMY BANK: Nice one to draw in the office sweep. Eighth to Hallo Dandy last year after being hampered at the Canal Turn second time round.

FETHARD FRIEND: Not exactly a flyer but he plods on at his own pace and was seventh last year.

CLASSIFIED: May not be good enough for this edition. Stamina could be his downfall.

TACROY: Could be renamed Tacky if he doesn't come up with the goods this time. Lost a fortune for his connections last year.

LAST SUSPECT: Doubt if he will have much of a clue. Hates to be headed, and when he is, loses interest.

SCOT LANE: By Jock Scot, is not one to give much away and seldom parts with his rider, which is a big asset here.

WEST TIP: Also whispered about in the North, South and East. Nearly died after an accident with a lorry in 1982, which has left a large L-shaped scar. He is far from being a learner, however, and is sure to give young Richard Dunwoody a super first ride over the Aintree fences.

KUMBI: Could be called Clumsy. Makes silly mistakes but has run well behind such class horses a Burrough Hill Lad, Righthan Man and Earl's Brig. Trained by Red Rum man, Ginger McCain.

DUDIE: Over half of him may be dud but he is a fairish performer on heavy ground and a safe jumper.

MUSSO: Good walker but is not a dictator in his quicker paces.

RUPERTINO: Bearly in my view.

IMPERIAL BLACK: Actually, he's brown and not all that imperial but his trainer Neville Crump knows what is required to win — he's done it three times before.

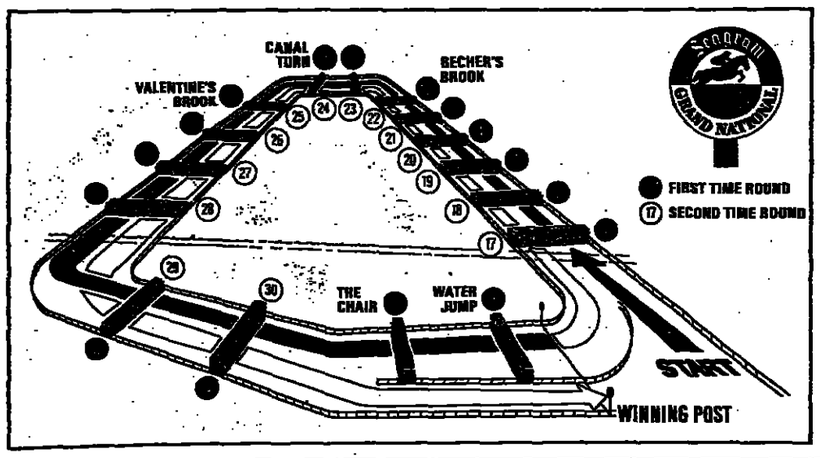
SHADY DEAL: Only a shade of his former self. No deal as far as I am concerned.

TUBBERTELLY: Sounds like a musical box and will probably need a lot of winding up.

TALON: His "mum" was called Battling Bessie, so he could claw his way into the frame. Has been hunting and jumps well.

ONAPROMISE: Not this afternoon however. Not very cooperative these days — must be the headaches.

KNOCKAWAD: Don't knock him if its really muddy. He loves the stuff, winning six times in it over the last two seasons.



BLACKRATH PRINCE: Nothing royal about his jumping. Often gets a black mark.

HILL OF SLANE: Has uphill struggle. Has not won for two seasons.

ROYAL APPOINTMENT: Has failed to keep a date in the winner's enclosure so far this season.

SOLIHULL SPORT: Even Birmingham based punters will have to be very sporty to put their money on this 11-year-old.

CLONTHURTIN: Nice one for the commentators to get their teeth round. Fortunately for them he didn't get beyond the sixth last year.

FAULOON: Sounds too much like forlorn for my liking.

BASHFUL LAD: Don't be shy — don't be rash either.

CROSA: Is the only mare in the race, quite attractive too, but can she be trusted?

MR SNUGFIT: Doesn't like tight courses and he should have the inside measure of these fences.

GLENFOX: A few sly old punters fancy this improving eight-year-old.

NEVER TAMPER: Good advice in this case.

ROMAN BISTRO: Could be on the menu for Italians but has been pulled up three times from five outings this term.

CAPTAIN PARKHILL: Can't see him earning promotion here.

LENEY DUAL: Has not been on target for many moons.

OUR CLOUD: Outlook overcast.

IMMIGRATE: Could settle in nicely. Stays and jumps well. Prefers good ground.

GREENHILL HALL: Not one of my National Trusties.

NORTHERN BAY: May be all at sea over these gruesome fences.

Experts' choice

RICHARD BAERLEIN
1. West Tip
2. Lucky Vane
3. Corbiere

RACING EDITOR
1. Corbiere
2. Hallo Dandy
3. Glenfox

CHRIS HAWKINS
1. West Tip
2. Corbiere
3. Greasepaint

TOP FORM TIPS
1. Greasepaint
2. Drumlargan
3. West Tip

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Seagram Grand National

3.20 £54,314; 4½m; 40 runners.

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301	402441	CORBIERE (C/D) (B. Burrough) Mrs J. Pitman 10-11-10		P. Scudamore
		(Light blue & orange chevrons, blue sleeves and cap)		
302	F1P413	DRUMLARGAN (Mrs G. Webb (Bronfman)) E. O'Grady (Ire) 11-11-8		J. Francome
		(White, dark blue sash, striped cap)		
304	U-05332	GREASEPAINT (M. Smurfit) D. Weld (Ire) 10-10-13		T. Carmody
		(Emerald green & yellow check, green sleeves)		
305	4-10213	LUCKY VANE (Miss B. Swire) G. Balding 10-10-13		J. Burke
		(Lilac, rose quartered cap)		
306	21-2410	HALLO DANDY (C/D) (BF) (R. Shaw) G. Richards 11-10-12		G. Bradley
		(Black, black cap, emerald green spots)		
307	10-4430	BROOMY BANK (Capt J. Lumsden) J. A. Edwards 10-10-7		Mr A. J. Wilson
		(Cerise, old gold sleeves, gold cap cerise spots)		
308	430-001	FETHARD FRIEND (K. Al-Said) J. Edwards 10-10-7		P. Barton
		(Red, white cap, green diamond)		
309	122113	CLASSIFIED (BF) (G. Rogers) N. Henderson 9-10-7		J. White
		(Maroon, light blue sleeves, blue & white quartered cap)		
310	0P-1240	TACROY (A. Duffield) M. Masson 11-10-3		A. Stringer
		(White, red diamond & sleeves, white cap)		
311	13P-12P	LAST SUSPECT (BF) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T. Forster 11-10-2		H. Davies
		(Yellow, narrow black belt & cap with gold tassel)		
312	0434U0	SCOT LANE (T. Isherwood) M. Tate 12-10-1		C. Smith
		(Red, yellow diamond, check cap, green collar)		
313	031111	WEST TIP (P. Luff) M. Oliver 8-10-1		R. Dunwoody
		(Light blue, black sash & armlets, black hoop on light blue cap)		
315	1U0100	KUMBI (D. Lant) D. McCain 10-10-0		K. Doolan
		(Light green, maroon striped sleeves)		
317	2210P0	MUSSO (R.E.A. Batt Ltd) F. Winter 9-10-0		Mr S. Sherwood
		(White, turquoise blue sash and sleeves, qtd cap)		
318	310030	DUDIE (M. Moore) P. Mullins (Ire) 7-10-0		A. Mullins
		(White, emerald green chevrons, yellow sleeves & cap)		
319	321-403	RUPERTINO (Lt Kenyon) E. Owen jun 10-10-0		R. Strouse
		(Yellow, royal blue striped sleeves & cap)		
320	0330P0	IMPERIAL BLACK (T. Webster) N. Crump 9-10-0		C. Hawkins
		(Black, white cross-belts & sleeves, striped cap)		
321	F-PP3F0	SHADY DEAL (G. Hubbard) J. Gifford 12-10-0		R. Rowe
		(Emerald green, white sleeves, check cap)		
323	131000	TUBBERTELLY (F. McCann) M. Hourigan (Ire) 8-10-0		T. Taaffe
		(Black & white check, black sleeves & cap)		
325	431-143	TALON (B. Munro-Wilson) R. Armytage 10-10-0		A. Webber
		(Chocolate, yellow spots, chocolate cap)		
326	000004	ONAPROMISE (J. Greenwood) R. Jeffery 9-10-0		A. Brown
		(Yellow, black disc armlets & cap)		
327	011240	KNOCKAWAD (M. Wilmott) M. Hourigan (Ire) 8-10-0		K. F. O'Brien
		(Blue & white halved, white cap)		
328	032330	BLACKRATH PRINCE (R. Dowsett) G. Balding 9-10-0		B. Reilly
		(Grey, orange chevron & sleeves, black cap)		
329	00-0003	HILL OF SLANE (Mrs M. Jarvis) A. Jarvis 9-10-0		S. Smith Eccles
		(Black, emerald green seams & cap)		
330	034400	ROYAL APPOINTMENT (Mrs J. White) T. Carberry (Ire) 10-10-0		P. Gill
		(Royal blue, white sleeves, dark green cap)		
331	0FF-000	SOLIHULL SPORT (Solihull Sports Services) J. Spearing 11-10-0		S. Morshead
		(Light blue & orange qtd, orange sleeves)		
332	430014	CLONTHURTIN (Mrs F. Ramsley) A. L. Moore (Ire) 11-10-0		Mr T. Thomson Jones
		(Navy with white stars, navy cap white stars)		
333	0042-00	FAULOON (C) (R. Kierkegier) F. Walwyn 10-10-0		K. Mooney
		(White, red spots, royal blue & white hooped sleeves, blue cap)		
334	310220	BASHFUL LAD (Mrs F. Parkes) M. Oliver 10-10-0		G. McCourt
		(Dark blue & red halved, sleeves reversed, blue cap, red star)		
335	3-23200	CROSA (S. C. Jones) J. Fox 10-10-0		S. Moore
		(Royal blue, yellow cross-belts, & spots on cap)		
336	114111	MR SNUGFIT (A. Greenwood) M. W. Easterby 8-10-0		P. Tuck
		(Black, white striped sleeves, pink sash & cap)		
337	112244	GLENFOX (P. Dickens) S. Mellor 8-10-0		Mr D. Gray
		(Yellow, green star on body & cap, green sleeves, yellow armlets)		
338	0040-00	NEVER TAMPER (J. J. Saunders Ltd) J. Baker 10-10-0		C. Brown
		(Light blue, yellow seams, qtd cap)		
339	P4P0P0	ROMAN BISTRO (D. Martin-Betts) J. Gifford 9-10-0		P. Nicholls
		(Ancient McDonnell tartan, green sleeves & cap)		
340	213PP2	CAPTAIN PARKHILL (B. McLean) B. McLean 12-10-0		C. Grant
		(Yellow, green sleeves, red cap yellow spots)		
341	40-0030	LENEY DUAL (D. Pitcher) D. Pitcher 10-10-0		Mr D. Pitcher
		(Dark blue, light blue cross-belts, striped cap)		
342	0404F0	OUR CLOUD (T. Strouse) S. Shields (Ire) 9-10-0		Mr J. Queally
		(Brown, orange seams, hooped cap)		
344	4P01DP	IMMIGRATE (BF) (W. Stevenson-Taylor) G. Richards 12-10-0		J. Hansen
		(White, red sash, black cap)		
345	22121P	GREENHILL HALL (BF) (Miss B. Dunbury) C. Thornton 9-10-0		D. Wilkinson
		(Yellow, brown spots on body, brown cap)		
346	142F21	NORTHERN BAY (Twycross Food Centre) T. Bill 9-10-0		Philip Hobbs
		(Emerald green, black spots & cap)		

1984: Hallo Dandy, 10-10-2, N. Doughty, 13-1, G. W. Richards, 40 ran.

Betting forecast: 7 West Tip, 8 Greasepaint, Corbiere, 9 Lucky Vane, 12 Hallo Dandy, Drumlargan, 14 Mr Snugfit, 20 Fethard Friend, 25 Classified, Tacroy, 28 Scot Lane, Talon, Broomy Bank, 33 Hill of Slane, Kumbi.

TOP FORM TIPS: Greasepaint 10, Drumlargan 7, West Tip 6

Big race facts

● The National dates from 1837, but in the early days took place ovar fields and farmland at nearby Maghull. The first winner, The Duke, jumped 40 fences and two flights of hurdles and took about 15 minutes to get round.

● Last favourite to win was Grittar at 7-1 in 1982. Favourites however, have a poor record . . . only five outright and five joint favourites have won this century.

● There have been four 100-1 winners. The most recent was Foinavon (1967) who was the sole survivor of the havoc caused by a loose horse at the 23rd fence.

● Only 90 have completed the course out of 302 starters in the last eight years. Last year's figure of 23 finishers out of 40 starters was a record.

● Only two finished the course in 1928. Billy Barton fell at the last when in the lead and was remounted to finish second to Tipperary Tim.

● Amateur riders have done well. Altogether gentlemen riders have triumphed in 38 Nationals.

● Nine-year-olds have the best record since the war with 16 wins out of 39. Eight-year-olds have won nine, ten-year-olds six, 12-year-olds six and 11-year-olds two.

● John Burke, who won on Rag Trade in 1976, is the only jockey in this year's line-up to have a previous victory.

● George Stevens is the most successful National jockey, riding fi · winners between 1856 and 1870.

● Nine of this year's trainers have saddled a previous winner — Jenny Pitman, Fulke Walwyn, Toby Balding, Gordon Richards, Tim Forster, Ginger McCain, Fred Winter, Josh Gifford, and Neville Crump.

● The first four home last year all line up again. Altogether 15 horses in this year's field have previously contested the race.

Ireland's buoyant captain courageous

Charles Edwards applauds Ciaran Fitzgerald's spirit in rising above his detractors to lead Ireland against England today

SHORTLY BEFORE the kick off against Wales at the Arms Park a fortnight ago, the Ireland team were requested to stand in line, facing the south stand crowd for the playing of Land of My Fathers.

It was a departure from normal practice, a little piece of regimentation; and as the voices swelled in impassioned unison, Ciaran Fitzgerald feared that he and his men were in danger of being intimidated before the game had even begun.

Instantly, he told the players to link arms and, thus bound and rigid, they stood in a spontaneous gesture of defiant togetherness. The move reflected the self-belief of the young side, and it reflected too the leadership of the captain whose military career as a commandant in the Irish Army, after all, prepares him for challenges.

That day, Fitzgerald became the first successful Ireland captain at Cardiff since Noel Murphy led his team to narrow victory in 1967. Coming after a win at Murrayfield over Scotland and a draw with France, the spoils at the Arm Park put Ireland on stream for the championship and Triple Crown, with England providing the last test at Lansdowne Road this afternoon.

That little pre-kick off cameo says much about Fitzgerald's spirit. Spirit he possesses, and resilience too; for just over a year ago, his sporting career was in tatters and he seemed well and truly on the way to the elephants' graveyard of international rugby.

As he departed the field, blood spouting from a head wound, in the equivalent match against Wales in Dublin last season, Victorian romantics in the crowd may well have recalled Sir Henry Newbolt; "the Gatling's jammed, the colonel's dead, and the regiment's blinded by dust and smoke".

The regiment — built around the battle weary and ageing veterans of Dad's Army — was blinded, right enough; had the troops been able to look ahead, they would have found that the game, the battle and the leader were lost. They were on their way to a whitewash — a depressing and muted last hurrah for a team which had won the Tiple Crown two years previously and had shared the championship with France the season before.

For Fitzgerald, it was a bitter end to a year which had begun in hope and finished in acrimony and controversy. In the two preceding seasons, he had become Ireland's most successful captain since Karl Mullen in the late forties and his record made him the outstanding skipper in the home countries — achievements which in 1983 had led to his appointment as captain of the Lions in New Zealand, to the surprise of nobody except a small band of prejudiced Fleet Street hitmen who were in time destined to become a ruthlessly efficient character assassinations squad.

In their view, Fitzgerald was a usurper, who had ousted Peter Wheeler from his rightful place.

As a professional soldier, greater evidence of Fitzgerald's undoubted leadership qualities might reasonably have been expected on tour. But the captain often seemed dominated, mentally as well as physically, by the substantial figures of the manager, Willie John McBride, and coach Jim Telfer.

The Test whitewash and the continual sniping by some press critics must have combined to make homecoming a blessed relief for Fitzgerald. But his trials were not yet over, and he was facing into another winter of discontent. A hernia first delayed his return at the start of the new domestic season; then the Connacht selectors when he did begin playing again, relieved him for a while of the captaincy, on grounds of easing the strain.

The attendant tensions of leading the Lions in New Zealand, we were thus led to believe, were as nothing compared to the stresses of captaining Connacht in the Irish inter-provincial championship; but worse was tocome, as Ireland suffered heavy defeat in Paris and were then trounced by the Welsh in Dublin.

Fitzgerald was left out of the team to meet England at Twickenham because of the cut he had received in the Welsh match, said the selectors — a lame excuse which nobody believed. The captain had been dropped, of course, and his dismissal was made official when he was omitted from the side to meet Scotland; a game marked by one of Ireland's most inept performances ever as the Scots galloped to an embarrassingly easy Triple Crown victory.

The new season brought a new coach and a new and far from traditional approach for Ireland. Fitzgerald was in the international panel, but nobody would have put money on his chances of getting back into the team. Old soldiers, however, never die — they just rise again and smite their enemies; an inspirational display in Connacht's opening game in the inter-provincial series showed that Fitzgerald was up again and running.

Running so hard and convincingly, in fact, that when he was reinstated against Australia last November, there was not even a whisper of surpise. His return was taken for granted, even if now he was leading a team which bore little resemblance to the side upon whom the Scots the previous season had visited a rugby version of the Glencoe massacre.

Like the other home countries Ireland succumbed to Australian flair and panache, but succumbed in style, with some heartening running which restored the belief of their Lansdowne Road supporters. The Irish were Alive, Alive O, again, and Fitzgerald was leading on the vanguard more gritty and determined than ever.

As a captain, he had led seven losing sides in succession — four Test defeats in New Zealand and Irish losses against France, Wales and Australia. But that last match showed that Ireland had grounds for hope, and at Murrayfield in February the sequence was broken by Fitzgerald's young and exuberant side which joyously scored two tries to none.

A month later, in spite of the decimation of the speedy back row, the team absorbed French fire, fury and fisticuffs to hold out for a draw. And then it was on to Wales where that symbolic linking of arms turned out to be the death salute to the Dragon as he was slain in his own lair.

This young team's style and approach has won the hearts of the Irish sporting public. Morale, after last season's shambles, has been restored and Fitzgerald, born leader and born again international rugby player, has made the most remarkable of comebacks.



ON PARADE . . . Fitzgerald dressed in his Irish army uniform

THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP : David Irvine on Ireland v. England

Crown to fit Doyle's men

RUGBY UNION

THOUGH Triple Crowns had been won by the Irish at Belfast, Swansea and Cardiff, it took them more than 100 years to seal their first at *Lansdowne* Road, in 1982. This afternoon, three years on, still under Ciaran Fitzgerald's captaincy, and against an England side who have conceded 100 points in their last three away games, Ireland have a chance to repeat that feat—and, by so doing, take the International Championship.

So much, then, for those predictions that, with the passing of the old guard—Slattery, Keane, Duggan, *Campbell* and all—the Irish would take years to rebuild. Inspired by Fitzgerald's leadership, guided by Mick Doyle's planning and encouraged by bold selection, their young side have not only expunged memory of last year's whitewash but emerged as one of the best-balanced for many years.

There are grounds for Irish caution, however. Luck has influenced all their matches so far. Both Scotland's Peter Dods and Mark Wyatt of Wales kicked badly against them while flagrant indiscipline cost the French victory in Dublin after they scored the game's only tries.

The poor set-piece performance of the Irish pack in Cardiff, however, has caused the greatest concern. So it is not surprising that against what they see as an equally efficient England pack, most of Ireland's work has been directed towards improving their scrummage and line-out.

Despite heavy hints that with Melville back England are likely to spin the ball more readily, a logical approach would be to play it tight, use Rob Andrew to kick for position and put Hugo MacNeill under pressure from Rory Underwood and Simon Smith.

Though England are also unbeaten in the Championship, their back play has yet to convince and, should they open up and make mistakes, Carr, Matthews and Spillane have the pace to suggest they will invariably be the first to the breakdown. And vulnerable as the Irish forwards may be in the tight, their rucking is first-class.

It is unlikely to be as fast and furious as at Cardiff for the looser the game, the greater the chance of Irish victory. Breakneck speed may well suit their tearaways but cannot hold much appeal for Hesford, Dooley and Blakeway.

But England cannot underestimate the threat the Irish midfield pose when they have clean ball — and Lenihan can certainly be counted to win some — for Lean, Mullin and Kiernan are all penetrative runners capable of making space for their wings and openings for MacNeill from the back.

Self-discipline is another vital England requirement. Kiernan's goal-kicking, which has given him 47 points in four matches this season, is as lethal as Campbell's or Ward's.

Should England succeed, although my feeling is that the Irish will shade it, they well set up their own Triple Crown chance at Cardiff on April 20.

THE DUBLIN LINE-UP

IRELAND		ENGLAND
H. P. MacNeill (Oxford Univ)	15	C. R. Martin (Bath)
T. M. Ringland (Ballymena)	14	S. T. Smith (Wasps)
B. Mullin (Dublin Univ)	13	K. G. Simms (Cambridge Univ)
M. J. Kiernan (Lansdowne)	12	P. W. Dodge (Leicester, capt)
K. D. Crossan (Instonians)	11	R. Underwood (Leicester)
P. J. Dean (St. Mary's Coll)	10	C. R. Andrew (Cambridge Univ)
M. T. Bradley (Cork Const)	9	N. D. Melville (Wasps)
P. A. Orr (Old Wesley)	1	P. J. Blakeway (Gloucester)
C. F. Fitzgerald (St Mary's, capt)	2	S. E. Brain (Coventry)
J. J. McCoy (Dungannon)	3	G. S. Pearce (Northampton)
D. G. Lenihan (Cork Const)	4	J. Orwin (Gloucester)
W. A. Anderson (Dungannon)	5	W. A. Dooley (Preston)
P. M. Matthews (Ards)	6	J. P. Hale (Bath)
N. J. Carr (Ards)	7	R. Hesford (Bristol)
B. J. Spillane (Bohemians)	8	D. H. Cooke (Harlequins)

Referee: J. M. Fleming (Scotland)



SUPPLYING HOPE: . . . Nigel Melville's return may see England spinning the ball more readily this afternoon

David Frost in Paris on France v. Wales

All Welsh eyes on Thorburn

WHILE the forwards will, as ever, have a profound influence on the outcome of the Five Nations match between France and Wales in Paris this afternoon, there are those who feel that Paul Thorburn, the new Welsh full back and goal kicker, could also have a big say in the outcome.

Welshmen tend to think back to Lewis Jones and Keith Jarrett, who made such formidable impacts in their first games for Wales. Thorburn, a 22-year-old student, is a quick-moving attacker who has scored 16 tries this season and a total of 396 points. Is he going to be another Lewis Jones?

Many international full-backs have come to grief on their first appearance in Paris, and Thorburn can be sure the French half backs will give his positioning and fielding a thorough test with their varied kicks. In his previous representative game, for Wales B against France B last November, Thorburn did not shine as an attacker, but he did kick five penalty goals and a conversion, suggesting he does not lack in temperament for the big occasion.

Today, we are told, the goal kicking duties are to be shared by Thorburn and Gareth Davies. It is to be hoped that Terry Holmes will make more authoritative decisions about this than he did against Ireland, when he ignored the claims of Davies while Mark Wyatt was failing with six kicks at goal.

Because of the prevalent lack of self-discipline of the French, who gave Michael Kiernan the opportunity to score all Ireland's points against them with five penalty goals, Davies and Thorburn may have plenty of goal kicking practice this afternoon.

Holmes must remember, however, that the French side's pace can be as devastating in defence as in attack. In their three championship games to date they have not conceded a single try. Also, more than anyone else, the French like to feed off their opponents' mistakes. It would be good to think that Holmes has the authority and tactical acumen to call for 10-man rugby when the situation demands it, even if this runs counter to the desires of the Welsh selectors.

In spite of only having draws with England and Ireland to add to their victory over Scotland, the French still believe they will win the championship if England defeat Ireland today.

But in any event, this should be a match of quality. If you ignore 1972, when two of Ireland's matches were called off, and 1973, when all five countries finished equal, there have been 36 championships since 1947. Wales have won 16 of them and France 12.

THE PARIS LINE-UP

FRANCE		WALES
S. Blanco (Biarritz)	15	P. Thornburn (Neath)
E. Bonneval (Stade Toulousain)	14	P. I. Lewis (Llanelli)
P. Sella (Agen)	13	R. A. Ackerman (London Welsh)
D. Cordoniou (Narbonne)	12	M. G. Ring (Cardiff)
P. Estève (Narbonne)	11	A. M. Hadley (Cardiff)
J. P. Lescarboura (Dax)	10	W. G. Davies (Cardiff)
J. Gallion (Toulon)	9	T. D. Holmes (Cardiff, capt)
P. Dospital (Bayonne)	1	J. Whitefoot (Cardiff)
P. Dintrans (Tarbes, capt)	2	W. J. James (Aberavon)
J-P. Garuet (Lourdes)	3	S. Evans (Swansea)
J-C. Orso (Nice)	4	S. J. Devlin (Pontypool)
J. Condom (Boucau)	5	R. L. Norster (Cardiff)
J. Gratton (Gap)	6	M. S. Morris (S. Wales Police)
J-L. Joinel (Brive)	7	R. D. Moriarty (Swansea)
L. Rodriguez (Mont-de-Marsan)	8	D. F. Pickering (Llanelli)

REFEREE: S. Strydom (South Africa)

GOLF

Marathon man Torrance

SAM TORRANCE and John O'Leary crowned a remarkable recovery with a seventh "sudden-death" hole victory in the final of the Sunningdale Foursomes yesterday. They beat Bernard Gallacher and Pat Garner, forcing the match into extra-time after being three down with five to play. It was the longest final in the event's 51-year history.

"That was one hell of a match," said Torrance afterwards. He had produced the winning shot with a superb bunker recovery to 18 inches at the 25th hole. Torrance *and O'Leary were two* under par for the marathon which looked to be decided when Gallacher and Garner swept three ahead at the 12th. But the seasoned European tour campaigners called on all their experience, and a birdie at the long 14th, followed by wins at the next two holes, levelled the encounter.

Garner, who putted magnificently throughout, kept his side in the match with a teasing seven-footer to save the 17th, and followed with four more single putts before his luck deserted him at the 25th.

SUNNINGDALE OPEN FOURSOMES. — Semi-finals: J. O'Leary and S. Torrance (onst) beat D. Nalsh (North Berwick) and Miss G. Stewart (Claremont) 2 and 1; B. Gallacher and P. Garner (Weatherby) beat A. d'Arcachy (Royal Cinque Ports) and A. Hall (Blackmoor) 2—up.

FINAL. — O'Leary and Torrance beat Gallacher and Garner at 25th.

David Davies at Sawgrass, Fla.

Brown's bracer

Sandy Lyle did not make the cut yesterday after two rounds of the Tournament Players' Championship at Sawgrass, near Jacksonville, Florida, but Ken Brown did.

On another day it might have been possible to describe Brown's round of 70 as sensational. He hit the ball extremely well through the green and his short game was adequate, but his putting was appalling. Using the battered old hickory-shafted putter that has seen him have great days on the greens, he missed seven putts of inside eight feet, five of them for birdies, and the mathematics are obvious.

All the more credit to him, therefore, when, after playing his only really poor shot of the round, at the 18th, he successfully negotiated a four-footer for the par, which took him safely into the last two rounds.

Brown's two-under par round gave him a total of 145, one over for the tournament, and although he was well behind the overnight leader, Hale Irwin, who was at five-under, he now has a chance to play for a large percentage of the $800,000 prize fund.

He opened with a birdie that was all but an eagle. His seven-iron second shit to the first ran over the rim of the hole, stopping only 12 inches away. But he then missed a second birdie when his five-footer at the long second hole pulled up short, and he later confessed that at the moment he has little feel in his hands for the putter.

A dropped shot at the 15th meant he needed a birdie on the closing holes to be sure of survival, and he got it at the long 16th when he holed from eight feet after bunkering his second.

Brown's was a brave round, but Lyle, also at odds with his putter, looked listless in the 80 degree/heat. he was not helped by the fact that one of his partners, Mike Smith, who won $100,000 last week for second place in Las Vegas, withdrew after an opening 84. That left him with Gary McCord, who was soldiering on after a first round of 86 and took 78. He explained afterwards that he really wasn't a very good player.

Barrie Fairall in Hong Kong

Bowring's fling

When Kevin Bowring brought the curtain down on last season by leading London Welsh to victory in the Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham he may not have anticipated the encores stretching into 1985. Now the starring roles are coming thick and fast in the twilight of a distinguished career.

Imagine the current feelings of this loyal and spritely No. 8. His club have begun their centenary year by reaching the final of the John Player Cup for the first time and here today he captains Crawshay's Welsh in their assault on the Cathay Pacific-Hong Kong Bank Sevens.

The equivalent of a rugby Oscar would be in order should the 30-year-old Bowring see London Welsh and Crawshay's through to a clean sweep of such major titles.

Crawshay's first set foot in this competition last year, winning their group matches and then going out to Public School Wanderers in the quarter-finals. This time, should things go according to plan, they are due for a quarter-final confrontation with New Zealand.

The Wanderers come armed with the Scotsmen, John Rutherford, Eric Paxton, John Jeffrey and Roger Baird, who will be paying his fifth visit to the event. They will be keen to salvage something from a disastrous Scottish international campaign in a group completed by Bahrain and Thailand.

● Epsom won the festival tournament at the Rosslyn Park national schoolboys sevens for the first time with a comprehensive 22-0 victory over Bryanston at Roehampton yesterday.

● The 18-member council of the New Zealand RFU meets in Wellington today to decide whether to go ahead with its tour of South Africa later this year.



SOCCER DIARY

Patrick Barclay

Unfair, this bar on bars

FOR A FEW glorious, naive moments after the Luton riot, I thought our Prime Minister was going to do something about punishing hooligans. Now it appears that she is to punish football instead. She has the wrong end of a big stick.

The idea of a blanket ban on drink at grounds is particularly insensitive and objectionable. Drunken fans can be a problem but, as everyone except the Government knows, those young troublemakers who need alcohol to turn nasty can get it more cheaply and conveniently outside grounds.

There is a myth, on which the Government may be basing its strategy, that the banning of drink from grounds curbed hooliganism in Scotland. In fact Scottish grounds seldom had bars: a contributory reason, perhaps, why such a stringent campaign was needed to limit pre-match and hip-flask indulgence.

Drinking in bars at English grounds is overwhelmingly a harmless, pleasurable activity which brings clubs much-needed revenue. Stopping it would constitute, in effect, an outrageously unjust fine on football. But I suppose it's easier for the Government than getting down to the roots of a public-order disease.

SIR STANLEY ROUS was grumbling, at a meeting of the London Society of Referees, about the indirect free-kick: he saw no need for this "halfway house" and blamed Scotland for having foisted it on the International Board. A Scot nearby prickled. "I presume we invented the indirect free-kick," he said, "shortly after the English had invented ungentlemanly conduct." He didn't catch Sir Stanley's

FULL MARKS for opportunism to M. Clarke, of Liverpool, whose contribution to a lively correspondence in the *Sports Echo* ran thus: "Regarding a memorial in honour of the late Harry Catterick, my idea, in view of the Gwladys Street terraces being open to the rain, would be to extend the roofing and call it the Harry Catterick Canopy."

NATURE NOTES: The Manchester United programme denies Bruce Grobbelaar's story, told on television, about Gary Bailey throwing a big party in honour of his new duckpond . . . only for guests to find that the birds had flown, their wings unclipped.

The truth is acknowledged to be just as embarrassing: Bailey left a gate open, while he took his dog for a walk, enabling the wingless wonders to waddle to a river and freedom. Away trips have become misery for the United goalkeeper, whose teammates delight in yelling "There they are, Gary!" every time the bus passes a farm.

But it's not just goalkeepers who are crazy, you might think, after hearing how Jesper Olsen enjoys life in Cheshire. "I like to sit in my garden," he says. "It is so peaceful and relaxing. I have a lovely view and can watch the little bears running up and down the trees." A bear, *to the dashing Dane*, is one of those small, scampering creatures which have bushy tails and rhyme with Cyril.

KEN BRUCE, the Scot who succeeded Terry Wogan on Radio Two, was reading some promotional material on Thursday, the morning after the Welsh victory at Hampden. John Dunn's guest that evening, he told listeners, would be Graeme Souness, "the ex-Liverpool and England football player." He quickly corrected the scriptwriter's error by saying "Scotland player" but appeared to make one of his own when he added: "We could have done with him last night." Hampden spectators could take it either way.

PATRICK SULLIVAN, the Guardian's Voice of Bowls, protests that he is not anti-soccer. The secret, he says, is to appreciate a variety of sports. "In an attempt to open your mind," he has invited me to Worthing for the final of some bowls competition or other, adding: "Of course I'll be happy to join you at Wembley in return." It's a nice try by the lad. I'm warming to him.

HOCKEY

Pat Rowley

Tournament mockery

Ian Taylor and six other English Olympic players have cried off this weekend's divisional tournament at Gateshead International Stadium for one reason or another. It has made a mockery of what is virtually the trial for the year's international fixtures.

The players' absence is all the more regrettable with the World Cup in England just 19 months away and especially as the event is to be held on artificial turf for the first time at the request of the players and officials.

Colin Whalley, the England manager said yesterday that he was bitterly disappointed. He had expressly asked his England squad members to make themselves available after his request for the England team to be allowed to take part in the event had been turned down. He said: "Some players have undoubtedly not helped their prospects of being selected for our teams this summer." There are some extremely attractive England fixtures ahead, including a tour of Australia.

The absence of so many top players — several non-Olympic internationals are also missing, is extremely discourteous to the North East officials who are staging he event for the *first time in 40 years. South* the title holders are forced to field a very sub-standard side because of absentees.

The England selectors should be out in force and will be looking very hard at the left halves on view

CRICKET

Hadlee strikes

Gordon Greenidge and Richie Richardson led a fight-back with an unbroken third wicket stand of 58 after pace bowler Richard Hadlee snatched the early initiative for New Zealand on the opening day of the first Test against West Indies in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad yesterday.

The four match series began uncomfortably for the West Indians after Viv Richards won the toss in his first Test as captain. Hadlee sent back Desmond Haynes and Larry Gomes in the day's fifth over — both without scoring — to leave the home team reeling on nine for two.

But Greenidge, recently recovered from a nagging back injury, and Richardson saw their side to 67 for two at the lunch interval. Greenidge was 36 and Richardson 18.

Christopher Dodd

Beefy Dark Blues

ROWING

Oxford yesterday weighed in at an average 13 stone 13½lb per oarsman, four pounds per man heavier than Cambridge, for next Saturday's Boat Race, sponsored by Ladbrokes. Cambridge's first woman, Henrietta Shaw, clocked 6st 2lb — 2st 2lb lighter than Oxford's Seth Lesser, lighter than Sue Brown, the first woman to steer in the event, and the lightest cox since Oxford's 5st 2lb Massey in 1939.

The Dark Blues' slight advantage of beef is more than cancelled by Lesser's extra two stone, though president Lynton Richmond siad this week that his man was chosen "on the grounds that it is worth securing an ounce more brains at a cost of a stone more flesh." Bruce Philp, Oxford's Cambridge Blue, has slimmed to 15st. more than a stone lighter than when he last wore Light Blue.

Ladbrokes took the opportunity of the weigh-in to announce that their sponsorship, now in its ninth year and worth £50,000 per annum, may end after the 1986 race. They are miffed that their name, which they attached to the University Boat Race three years ago in return for increased contributions, was not sticking with press or public.

A company spokesman John Harounoff said yesterday: "We have to consider whether there is enough marketing return for us on our investment. People refer to the Seagram Grand National and *the Brittanic Assurance County* Championship, so why not the Ladbroke Boat Race?"

Ladbrokes' support has coincided with a bonanza of incident and continuing highratings on BBC television. They have been associated with the first two women to take part, the Cambridge sinking and barge-bending, the Boris Rankov controversy, the collapse of Oxford's Francis before a nail-biting finish, Oxford's rebirth and run of wins, and the first man to row for both universities.

Prince Naruhito, grandson of Emperor Hirohito and a post-graduate at Merton College, Oxford will present the Ladbroke Trophy for the 131st Boat Race.

The match between the Oxford and Cambridge Women's Boat Clubs — Blue boats, reserves and lightweights — and the men's lightweight *crews takes place at Henley* tomorrow afternoon.

● The ARA face a formidable dual Italian challenge in the 53rd Head of River from Mortlake to Putney today. Three British Olympic gold medallists are in the ARA boat, which leads off at 10.15 am, but a new entry, Campania Geu-Set from Naples, not only match that but are all Olympic finalists. Campania have already beaten Fiat, second last year. Fiat are steered by Alonso Innsio, alias Alan Inns, who hopes to see his Cambridge crew topple Oxford next Saturday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

TENNIS: Three Americans—fourth seeded Vitas Gerulaitis, No. 7, John Sadri and unseeded Tim Wilkinson—were eliminated in the quarter-finals of the Milan Grand Prix yesterday.

Gerulaitis lost in straight sets to fifth-seeded Czechoslovak Tomas Smid, while Sadri was also beaten easily by the second seed Anders Jarryd. Wilkinson fought three hard sets before falling to Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek.

CROSS COUNTRY: Identical twins Katherine and Jojo Tulloh, 14-year-old daughters of the former Olympic runner Bruce Tulloh, are in the England Schools team competing in Denbigh today.

GOLF: Britain's Malcolm Mackenzie shot a second successive 70 for a four-under-par 140 and the lead in the Zimbabwe Open in Harare yesterday as the overnight pacesetter Brian Barnes slipped with a 77.

Barnes took 10 strokes more than in the first round and said: "My nerve has gone. It doesn't matter what the head tells the hands, they dont respond."

SNOOKER: Steve Davis was taken the distance by Eugene Hughes in their quarter-final of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Kill, County Kildare yesterday. Hughes led 3-0. Davis won the next four frames but Hughes levelled at 4-4 with a break of 66. Tonight he meets Higgins or Stevens.

BOWLS: Terry Sullivan beat David Bryant 7-1, 7-0 yesterday to reach today's final of the Croft Original British Open Indoor Championship at Darlington. Bryant made his point at the first end. Sullivan will play Tony Allcock or Jim Baker, each of whom recovered from a set down and was also behind in the second set in his quarter-final.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Leningrad has joined those applying for the Olympic Winter Games of 1996, writes John Rodda.

BOXING: Barry McGuigan's manager Barney Eastwood yesterday discounted reports of a delay in the world title fight with Eusebio Pedroza and reiterated he had an agreement for a date before July 10 in London.

Eastwood said: "We know nothing about any switch to October." Earl's Court and QPR football ground are under consideration for the £1m feather-weight fight.

TABLE TENNIS

Richard Eaton in Gothenberg

Serving up a dispute

Alison Gordon, the England No 1 omitted for the World Championships curtain-raiser that almost brought victory over European champions the Soviet Union, returned to argue and struggle her way through the deciding singles that brought England 3-2 victory against Belgium in Gothenberg yesterday.

Gordon, replacing Commonwealth champion Karen Witt, promptly found herself in the unenviable position of needing to beat Nathalie Higuet, a 19-year-old with a phony throw-up on service, if England were not to lose 3-2 for the second successive day.

"She was foul-serving and they did nothing about it," Gordon complained, which was also what both she and England captain Nicky Jarvis vehemently did to both opponent and officials near the finish of the first game and midway through the second of a tense 21-17, 21-13 win.

Earlier Gordon, with a hit-or-bust forehand, had also bravely saved a match point in a 19-21, 22-20, 21-18 win over Karine Bogaerts, whose abbreviated loop, performed as though she were playing in a phone box, was still good enough to overcome England's national champion Lisa Bellinger. That point was also the only difference between English victory and defeat.

England's men also won, 5-2 against India, with Desmond Douglas winning three to make up for his first-ever loss to French No 3 Patrick Renverse in the 4-5 defeat to European champions France.

Claus Pedersen, the Danish No 1 who this month announced that he was quitting, yesterday beat European champion Ulf Bengtsson and World No. 6 Jan-Ove Waldner, Menni Weizades, the top Swedish woman, did quit, alleging that her country's officials were more interested in providing trips for the men and for themselves.

Paul Fitzpatrick

Win-or-bust Leeds

RUGBY LEAGUE

Life is not without its contrasts in Rugby League. Last week, Leeds played before a crowd of 938 at Workington—believed to be the first time they have ever been watched by fewer than 1,000 spectators—but tomorrow at Headingley they are optimistic that they will attract their highest League gate of the season for the visit of Wigan.

It is a match that Leeds cannot afford to lose if they are to retain any ambitions of winning the Slalom Lager Championship. They have only five matches left, but it is still possible that the main contenders, Wigan and Hull KR, and to a lesser extent St Helens, will find the works being fouled up by having to play too many games in too short a time.

My feeling, now that they have nothing but the championship on their minds, is that Hull KR will rise from fifth to retain the title. They face a crowded run-in but have a number of relatively simple games, and there should be two points for the taking at home to Barrow tomorrow.

Leeds beat Wigan in a John Player match in December but that heralded a long unbeaten run for Wigan. Leeds's chances of repeating that victory are improved by the return of Trevor Paterson, their best forward of late, and Eric Grothe on the right wing. His duel with Henderson Gill, Wigan's leading try-scorer, should be one of many fascinating individual conflicts.

St Helens, unchanged from the side who overwhelmed Hull last Friday, should maintain their momentum against Warrington, although Reg Bowden's side have been encouraged by *wins recently over* Featherstone and Castleford and should play with more freedom now that relegation fears have disappeared.

Barrow, Workington, Hunslet and Leigh are likely to be pushed closer to the Second Division tomorrow, but Halifax could take advantage of a weakened Hull side to help secure their First Division place. The Hull squad of 16 contains eight players still eligible for the colts, an indication of the problems facing them.

Mark Harper, of Hensingham, who led Cumbria to their third BARLA (British Amateur RL Association) county youth championship last month, will captain the Great Britain youth side to meet France at Barrow tomorrow (2.30). The GB team have been training at Carnegie College, Leeds, under Phil Larder, the director of coaching.

RESULTS

Soccer

CANON LEAGUE.—Second Division: Brighton 2, Oldham 0. Third Division: Gillingham 1, Burnley 1; Millwall 0, Rotherham 0; York 0, Bolton 3. Fourth Division: Bury 2, Rochdale 2; Colchester 2, Tranmere 1; Darlington 1, Hereford 1; Scunthorpe 6, Lincoln 2; Southend 1, Port Vale 1.

WORLD CUP. — Qualifying Rounds: Indonesia 1, Thailand 0; Bahrain 4, South Yemen 1.

FRIENDLY MATCH. — Egypt 2, Cameroon 0.

Rugby League

RUGBY LEAGUE.—Slalom Lager Championship: Castleford 36, Workington 8; Hull 17, Wigan 14. Second Division: Sheffield 2, Swinton 34 (at Rotherham FC).

Rugby Union

RUGBY UNION.—Newport 9, Crosskeys 0; Treorchy 21, Glamorgan Wdrs 19; Penarth 6, Abertillery 25; Llanelli 26, Neath 9; Pontypridd 0, Newbridge 4; Gloucester 17, Moseley 12; Pontypool 20, Aberavon 10.

ROSSLYN PARK SCHOOLS SEVENS. — Festival Sixth Round: Queen's Taunton 18, St George's Weybridge 16; Dulwich 18, Rossal 4. Quarter finals: Blundells 6, Trent 22, Epsom 13, Bedford 0, Queen's Taunton 16, Dulwich 12 aet; Bryanston 28, Hurstpierpoint 0. Semi-finals: Queen's 0, Bryanston 24; Trent 0, Epsom 22. Final: Epsom 22, Bryanston 0. Preparatory. Semi-finals: Edgarley Hall 2, Oratory 0; Caldicott 18, Malsis 8. Final: Edgeley 20, Caldicott 10.

Golf

SINGAPORE OPEN. — Leading scores (US unless stated): 135—C. Tze-Ming (Tai) 67, 69. 137—E. Romero (Arg) 68, 69; T. Armami 67, 70; Terrer (NZ) 69, 68; T. Lewis 68, 69. 139—Cola (Tai) 70, 68; P. Teravainen 70, 68. 139—R. Davis (Aus) 71, 68; M. Sloding (Phil) 70, 69; M. Mclean 71, 68; L. Tong (Singapore) 70, 69; J. Rutledge (Can) 71, 68; V. Singh (Fiji) 69, 71. 140—C. McLellan 69, 71; T. Pernice 69, 71; H. Yu-Shu (Tai) 70, 70; W. Pierot 70, 70; R. Singh (Ind) 71, 69; C. Byrnes 70, 70; W. Defrancesco 72, 68; E. Ladehoff 70, 70; T. Mohri (Jap) 71, 69; D. Miljevic (Can) 67, 73.

ZIMBABWE OPEN (Harare). — Leading scores (GB unless stated): 140—M. MacKenzie 70, 70. 141—D. Llewelly 73, 68. 144—B. Barnes 67, 77; D. Jagger 75, 69; D. Williams 73, 71; P. Carrigill 72, 72; J. Morgan 73, 71. 145—S. Martin 72, 73; A. Charsley 72, 73; P. Harrison 71, 74. 146—G. Turner 74, 72; E. Murray 75, 71. 147—B. Evans 78, 69; B. Zabriski (US) 73, 74; M. Roe 71, 76; M. Miller 71, 76. 148—G. Davies 77, 71; T. Price (Zim) 77, 71.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. — Cleveland 122, Chicago 114; Milwaukee 121, New York 116; Denver 133, Kansas City 115, Los Angeles 118, Phoenix 110.

Ice Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE. — Boston 6, Edmonton 3; Montreal 5, St. Louis 1; New Jersey 3, Washington 2; Philadelphia 3, Detroit 1; Quebec 4, New York 2.

Hockey

TRUMAN INDOOR LEAGUE (Crystal Palace, Thursday): Hampstead 7, Richmond 6; Hawks 8, Hounslow 14; Medway Utd 10, Maidenhead 0 (Richmond promoted, Hawks and Hounslow relegated).

Squash Rackets

AMERICAN EXPRESS NW COUNTIES LEAGUE. — Liverpool Cricket 1, Middlewich 4; Warrington 3, Grove Park 2; Queens Mill 1, Swinton 4; West Lancs 0, Manchester Northern 5; Stockport 1, Bamford 5.

Tennis

FLORIDA CLASSIC (Fort Meyers). — Men's Singles, Second Round (US unless stated): J. Connors beat D. Cassidy 6—2, 6—2; A. Gomez (Ec) beat Tom Gullikson 6—1, 2—1 ret.; B. Gilbert beat B. Testerman 6—4, 6—4; I. Lendl (Cz) beat G. Holmes 6—4, 6—2.

MILAN GP. — Men's Singles, Quarter-finals: T. Smid (Czech) beat V. Gerulitis (US) 6—3, 6—0; A. Jarryd (Swe) beat J. Sadri (US) 6—4, 1—6, 6—4; J. Hlasek (Swi) beat T. Wilkinson (UK) 7—6, 4—6, 6—4.

SW FASHNER GROUP TOURNAMENT (Queen's).—Finals: J. Lamb (Devon) beat K. Brasher (Surrey) 6—4.

Rackets

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Queen's Club).— Eton I (P. Baily, M.C. Cargill) beat Marlborough (J. Heald, J. Vorher) 15—7, 15—3, 15—1, 17—14; Eton II (M. A. Smyth-Osbourne, A. C. Crichton-Stuart) beat Wellington (P. Huxtable, R. Bruce) 10—15, 17—14, 15—12, 15—6, 11—15, 15—12; Haileybury WO, Rugby I scr; Tonbridge (R. Owen-Browne, S. M. S. Davies) beat Rugby II (D. M. Hannaford, C. Lindsay) 5—6, 15—1, 15—11, 15—7.

Snooker

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● Yorkshire have given Geoff Boycott permission to miss next week's pre-season training with the army at Catterick Camp. He is recovering from a recent sinus operation, and will now report on April 9.

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Everton away strain

THE next five days will not settle the League championship but there is a strong possibility that after Wednesday night the lines for the final run-in will be established once and for all.

On that evening Tottenham play Everton at White Hart Lane in the fixture postponed on January 19 because of the freeze. Then Everton led Spurs by two points and, with the goal differences identical, four goals. Now the pair are level on 60 points and Everton, with a game in hand, stay top by a goal difference of one. The 10½ week delay has merely heightened the significance of the confrontation.

In the meantime Spurs and Everton will seek to consolidate their respective positions and the aims of both clubs will be helped should Manchester United fail to win the weekend's most attractive fixture in front of the television cameras at Liverpool tomorrow.

Tottenham must be quietly fancying their chances of regaining the League leadership today for the first time since early January. They are at home to Aston Villa, whose away form has been showing a slight improvement but who have still won only one of their last five matches.

Everton, on the other hand, visit Southampton where they have not won since 1972 when their present manager Howard Kendall was still a player. Kendall's team have not been beaten in any competition since Chelsea won 4-3 at Goodison on the Saturday before Christmas, a run of 16 matches, but Southampton's 5-1 defeat at White Hart Lane last Saturday was a closer encounter than the score suggested and they are unbeaten in League matches at the Dell this year.

Injuries and suspensions may upset the most confident calculations and on paper Tottenham go into this afternoon's match ill-equipped to continue their charge for the title. Roberts is banned, Hughton and Hazard are unfit, and Mabbutt, Stevens, Allen and Chiedozie are already ruled out.

Bowen and Crook are set to make their first appearances at the season at full-back and in midfield, Perryman will probably withdraw to the middle of the defence in place of Roberts, and Spurs will be hoping that even if he again plays in only part of the match Ardiles will continue to give Hoddle renewed inspiration. Villa also have problems with Spink, their goalkeeper, suffering from an injured shoulder and Evans, their captain, doubtful because of a neck injury.

Sheedy and Bracewell will have fitness tests before Everton select their team.

With Rush and Dalglish in such superb form Liverpool, who have scored nine goals in their last two matches, will be expected to defeat a United side that should include Robson, recovered from the damaged ankle he suffered playing for England on Tuesday, but may be without Whiteside.

United could be seven points behind the First Division leaders by Sunday teatime, which would add even more tension to Wednesday's events at White Hart Lane.

David Lacey

FA fear dangerous precedent

THREE DAYS before they are due to discuss with the Prime Minister proposals to curb soccer violence, the Football Association have bowed to Government pressure by switching the England-Scotland match on May 25 from Wembley to Hampden Park, Glasgow.

The Government, concerned at the prospect of Scottish supporters flooding into London at a Bank Holiday weekend, approached the FA through the Minister for Sport and asked them to change the date. Trapped between England's World Cup game in Finland on May 22 and the departure of Bobby Robson's squad for Mexico six days later, the FA decided to change the venue instead.

Thus a significant precedent has been set. In recent years the FA have decided by their own volition not to play a number of matches against Northern Ireland in Belfast but this is the first occasion in peacetime that government action has disrupted a major soccer fixture.

It is not, of course, the first time that the Government's influence has been felt in British international sport. The Wilson administration put pressure on Lord's to cancel the 1970 cricket tour by South Africa because of fears of violent and destructive anti-apartheid demonstrations. Ten years later Mrs Thatcher was less successful in trying to persuade the British Olympic Association not to send a team to the Moscow Games as a protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

At first sight yesterday's announcement from Lancaster Gate does not appear that dramatic. British Rail wrote to the FA as long ago as last September expressing their worries at playing the England-Scotland game during the Spring Bank Holiday. More recently the police and London Transport added their concern about their ability to cope with the fans.

All of which culminated in a letter to the FA this week which appeared to contain an order from Downing Street thinly disguised as a request from the Sports Minister, Neil Macfarlane. "The Government is extremely concerned that the current timing of this fixture increases the risk of disorder and this is something which the Prime Minister is also likely to raise with you," the letter read.

There might have been rumblings from police and transport authorities over several months but it is clear that the recent crowd disturbances at Chelsea and, more specifically, Luton which led to Mrs Thatcher's involvement in the hooliganism issue have had a lot to do with the latest development. Indeed the England-Scotland game is thought to have been one of the items discussed by the Prime Minister and her soccer "war cabinet".

The idea that a Government can, by none-too-gentle persuasion, influence decisions of this kind is an alarming one for the football authorities but the inevitable result of years of patting the problem back and forth between Lancaster Gate and Lytham and Whitehall. In the Government's eyes the mild admonition handed out to Chelsea by the FA following the ugly crowd scenes during their Milk Cup semi-final with Sunderland was further evidence of the game's flabby handling of crowd violence.

UEFA have imposed their highest-ever fine — £62,000 — on Inter Milan for rowdy fan behaviour during the UEFA Cup match against FC Cologne earlier this month. Smoke bombs and sparklers lit by spectators created a thick cloud of haze that delayed the start of the game by six minutes. The disciplinary commission in Zurich also took into account rowdiness during earlier Inter Milan matches.

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, voiced soccer's fears when he announced the change of venue yesterday. "Now, any match where we can't get an assurance from the authorities that they can provide transport and control the crowd is in jeopardy.

"This causes us considerable concern. It is an unfortunate precedent. I believe that any concession you make can be considered as giving in to hooliganism."

However, Croker did make it clear that the FA could not have refused the Government's request to move the game away from Bank Holiday London. To have done so would have courted the risk of the fixture being cancelled after the tickets had been sold and the programmes printed. "We had to try to do the most responsible thing," he added.

Ernie Walker, the secretary of the Scottish FA, was completely in sympathy with the FA yesterday, saying that they had no other choice. However, he did make the pertinent point that Scottish supporters would feel that a slur had been unfairly cast on their behaviour purely because of the recent actions of English hooligans.

"It seems astonishing that 20,000 Scotland fans can stay a week in Spain without one incident, yet we cannot play an international in Britain," Walker said. "The whole question of trouble at Wembley with Scottish supporters has been blown out of proportion." Walker added that the SFA were "astonished and dismayed" by the tone of Mr Macfarlane's letter to the FA.

It needs to be emphasised, as Croker did yesterday, that during the last six years the good behaviour of Scotland's fans has been thrown into even sharper relief by the violent antics of England's followers, especially abroad. During the 1982 World Cup the police in southern Spain were impressed by the general conduct of the Tartan Army and this was repeated in the Scots' recent World Cup visit to Seville.

However, it is true that throughout the Seventies the England-Scotland game at Wembley became the focal point for some extremely unpleasant scenes inside and outside the stadium. In 1975 the Scottish fans had to walk from Central London to Wembley when the transport unions refused to operate the relevant trains because a guard had been severely injured two years earlier.

In 1977, celebrating their team's victory over England, thousands of Scots invaded the pitch and caused considerable damage by ripping up pieces of turf for souvenirs and wrecking the goals.

Two years later, with the playing area fenced off, there was little chance of a repetition but the Metropolitan Line was disrupted by fans who left the trains and rampaged through suburban gardens. It was at this point that the SFA seriously considered abandoning the oldest international fixture in football as a hopeless case.

But the match returned to London two years later, with no tickets issued to Scottish supporters in spite of an attempt by some of them to have the decision reversed in the High Court on the grounds of discrimination. Thousands of tickets still found their way into Scottish hands but the FA appeared to have found the ideal compromise in 1983 when they staged the game on a Wednesday night.

Their decision to return to a Saturday afternoon was always an odd one. Protests that there was no alternative date sound a little thin when it is remembered that last Tuesday's friendly against the Republic of Ireland was a late addition to the list.

David Lacey

Scotland's contradictory captain

Graeme Souness can be stylish but spiteful, tough but tender — a dedicated leader with a taste for high living. David Lacey looks at the paradoxes of soccer's newest author



SOUNESS: Mexico would suit his measured approach

The shortness of the straw allotted to half of the British interests in the World Cup qualifying competitions became even more apparent on Wednesday night when Wales defeated Scotland 1-0 at Hampden Park.

With only one nation going directly to Mexico from their group and the runners-up required to meet the winners of the Oceania section to decide the other place, there is the distinct possibility that a fair proportion of Britain's best footballers will not be seen in the finals.

Among them could be Graeme Souness, whose careful pacing of the game is suited both to the bloated, exhausting competition that the World Cup has become and the heat and humidity of Mexico. Souness it was who had the last word for the Scots in Spain three years ago, an excellent goal against the Soviet Union to bring the scores level

Since then Souness has become an international player in the wider sense. After six years with Liverpool he is now with the Genoa club, Sampdoria. His vision, skill and uncluttered approach to the game have combined to make his one of the easier translations from English to Italian.

At 31 his time at the highest level may not have long to run, but the way he plays could, if he so chooses, keep him in the game for a long while yet. Money does not seem likely to be one of his most pressing needs — his father-in-law owns the Army and Navy Stores — and if he does go into football management it will not be because he wants a job.

Souness's newly-published autobiography, No Half Measures, includes a foreword by Alan Bleasdale, creator of Yosser "Gisa job" Hughes, who featured the player in an episode of Boys From the Black Stuff. Attempting to get to grips with some of the contradictions of Souness's style Bleasdale describes him as having "so much authority that he is occasionally reported to the authorities."

Bleasdale continues: "Jealousy being what it is, he is the kind of man who can be disliked from a distance by the kind of people who usually become referees, television commentators, public hangmen, hangers-on, traffic wardens or fellow-professionals with neither the courage nor the awareness to understand Graeme Souness."

Well, he does take some understanding. The same man who carried a small boy to safety after a wall had collapsed during a Milk Cup tie at Walsall a year ago broke the jaw of a Dinamo Bucharest player, Movila, in a European Cup game at Anfield two months later.

"He was a disgrace," writes Souness. "He kicked everything that moved and three times caught me with punches off the ball. I went completely crazy when he came in late and high yet again and as he half turned I let loose with the best punch I have delivered in my life." The referee did not see the incident and Souness, on learning that Movila's jaw had been fractured in two places, "was full of remorse."

● *No Half Measures, by Graeme Souness, is published by Collins Willow (£8.95).*

Peter Ball on Joe Whelton, Manchester United's guiding hand

Stylish coach from Connecticut

BASKETBALL

Joe Whelton Junior, Manchester United's American coach, is a contented man.

As his team prepared to play Worthing at Wembley today in the semi-finals of the Carlsburg National Championship, he said: "This club spell class with a capital C, right? They have given me everything I've ever wanted in basketball in England.

Whelton, a 29-year-old with preppy good looks and style, started on the path to becoming a Connecticut Yankee at the court of Big Ron in Manchester when he achieved a reputation on the US East Coast as a player.

After taking an MA in special education he became assistant coach at the University of Hartford before moving to England to coach the then Warrington and Liverpool Vikings at the beginning of last season.

Cynics suggested at the time that Whelton's postgraduate training in psychology as a teacher of handicapped children might be useful

Last season the club went to the national championship play-offs for the first time, where they lost narrowly — but very honourably — to the all-conquering Solent team in the final. This season has proved even more eventful. United's takeover began an extraordinary three months, which has seen the team reach two finals already.

Although the change has forced Whelton, who quickly acquired a taste for soccer, to transfer his loyalties from Anfield to Old Trafford, he is understandably delighted with the transition, which has put a shaky organisation on a sound footing and has provided him with the professionalism he sought.

Whelton is also delighted to have won the coach of the year award. His team however, have not yet won a big one, losing to Kingston after extra time in this year's Cup final, and to Edinburgh in the Anglo-Scottish final.



Whelton . . . happy man

Frank Keating in Sharjah

India tap the oasis dollars

CRICKET

India made heavy weather of beating Australia by three wickets in the four-nation challenge Rothman's Cup final at Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates yesterday.

Australia, all out for 139 in only 42 overs, never had runs to play with, though, in reply, India twice nearly juddered into the rocks after the opener, Srikkanth, went to his first ball.

The Indian squad of 15 shared the $45,000 first prize — $3,000 per man for three days work, more than the vast majority of their countrymen have ever seen. The Australians pocketed $30,000, Pakistan $20,000 and England $15,000 as two-time losers.

It was the Sabbath and very much a fiesta and the 15,000 capacity crowd willed nothing less than a "home" victory. Every soul was seated in the little oasis oval a good hour before the start. The leading Indian film stars flew in to do laps of honour.

They received no less adoration than every incoming batsman — indeed every incoming bowler — for no delivery passed unmarked by a klaxon voluntary, like it was the day of judgement. Dickie Bird umpired impassively through it all.

Australia had set off serenely soon after breakfast, but once the Indian spinners got a grip on a turning pitch of unpredictable bounce they collapsed.

Azharuddin, the prodigy, led India's reply with a handful of crisp drives, played very late. For his precocious presumption he had to endure a lot of lip from Australia's bellicose new LiHee, the fiery and furious young McDermott.

We could yet be in for a snarling summer, for O'Donnell and McCurdy also gave vulgar vent a few times

Vengsarkar contrived some decent shots and, after he and Gavaskar had shored up the innings, alarms sounded again briefly when first Kapil then Binny had two dotty rushes of blood. Amarnath calmly assumed control.

Australia had done everything all right in the sharp morning sunlight. Later, as it grew hotter, they wilted. Wood and Wessels posted 60 runs in 15 overs before the whole thing floundered; Wood ran himself out. Jones charged impetuously and Wessels could not raise a gear.

Border was joined by Hughes, but the former captain—in possibly his last innings for Australia—had chosen a bat with no middle. His timing has gone, as well as his nerve. The enforced rest can do his batting no harm.

At 114 Hughes looked to drive the innocuous Armanath, the ball popped, and the bowler held the return dolly. Two balls later, the new skipper decided to show Hughes how it was done—and he, too, was simply caught and bowled.

Australia were as good as beaten from that moment and, though it didn't seem possible, the klaxon level was raised a few decibels from there on in.

AUSTRALIA

G. M. Wood run out	27
K. C. Wessels c Gavaskar b Madan Lal	30
D. M. Jones c Viswanath b Madan Lal	8
A. R. Border c and b Amarnath	27
K. J. Hughes c and b Amarnath	11
S. R. J. Matthews lbw Kapil Dev	11
S. O'Donnell run out	3
S. J. Rixon run out	4
M. J. Bennett lbw Shastri	0
R. J. McCurdy c Vengsarkar b Shastri	0
C. McDermott not out	0
Extras (w5, lb13)	18
Total (42.3 overs)	139

Fall of wickets: 60, 71, 78, 114, 115, 121, 139, 132, 139, 139.
Bowling: Kapil Dev 6-3-8-1; Binny 5-0-25-0; Madan Lal 7-0-30-2; Sivaramakrishnan 8-1-29-0; Shastri 9.3-1-14-2; Amarnath 7-1-19-5.
Wides debited to bowlers.

INDIA

R. Shastri c Rixon b O'Donnell	9
K. Srikkanth lbw McDermott	0
M. Azharuddin c Jones b McDermott	64
D. Vengsarkar b McDermott	51
S. Gavaskar run out	26
M. Amarnath not out	14
Kapil Dev b Matthews	1
R. Binny b Matthews	1
S. Madanlal not out	7
Extras (lb9, w7, nb4)	20
Total (7 wkts, 39.2 overs)	149

Fall of wickets: 2, 37, 41, 98, 103, 117, 120.
Bowling: McDermott 10-0-35-3; McCurdy 4-1-10-0; O'Donnell 4-1-11-1; Bennett 10-0-35-0; Matthews 10-1-33-2; Border 1.2-0-6-0.
Result: India won by 3 wickets.

Ban slapped on Owen

SQUASH RACKETS

Robert Owen, a 19-year-old junior England international and a protege of Jonah Barrington, has been suspended for three months for persistent misconduct. He is the first player to be banned by the Squash Rackets Association.

The suspension begins on April 1 and will apply in all the home countries. It rules Owen out of the forthcoming British Open.

Having been warned twice this season for bad language and dissent, Owen incurred the ban automatically after a particularly spectacular display of bad temper while playing fellow Englishman Martin Bodimeade during the recent Scottish Open.

Dilip Rao

WEEKEND FIXTURES IN DETAIL

CANON LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION (3.0 unless stated)

Luton v. Ipswich
Norwich v. Coventry
Nottingham Forest v. West Ham Utd
QPR v. Watford
Sheffield Wed v. Newcastle
Southampton v. Everton
Stoke v. Arsenal
Sunderland v. Chelsea
Tottenham H. v. Aston Villa
West Bromwich Albion v. Leicester

TOMORROW

Liverpool v. Manchester Utd (2.35)

SECOND DIVISION

Birmingham v. Wolves
Blackburn v. Notts County
Carelise v. Barnsley
Crystal Palace v. Sheffield Utd
Fulham v. Leeds Utd
Huddersfield v. Charlton
Manchester City v. Cardiff
Oxford Utd v. Grimsby
Shrewsbury v. Portsmouth
Wimbledon v. Middlesbrough

FA VASE.—Semi-finals, second leg: Fleetwood (2) v. Exmouth (3); Halesowen (1) v. Wisbech (2).

GOLA LEAGUE.—Barnet v. Gateshead; Bath v. Frickley; Boston Utd v. Altrincham; Enfield v. Scarborough; Kettering v. Dartford; Kidderminster v. Runcorn; Northwich Vic v. Malmsbury; Wealdstone v. Runcorn; Weymouth v. Barrow; Worcester v. Dagenham; Yeovil v. Telford. Tomorrow: Wealdstone v. Scarborough (11.0 am).

SERVOWAFH ISTHMIAN LEAGUE, Premier Division: Bognor Regis v. Billericay; Harlow v. Harrow; Maidon v. Croydon; Hitchin v. Epsom; Leytonstone & Ilford v. Dulwich Hamlet; Slough v. Hayes; Tooting v. Wycombe W; Walthamstow Ave v. Bishop's Stortford; Windsor v. Carshalton; Wokingham v. Barking; Worthing v. Sutton Utd.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE (Not on coupon).—Bangor City v. Horwich; Hyde v. Southport; Marine v. Macclesfield (11.30); Matlock v. Chorley; Sth Liverpool v. Morecambe; Workson v. Chorley. Tomorrow: Workington v. Matlock.

THIRD DIVISION

Bradford City v. Plymouth
Brentford v. Derby
Bristol City v. Doncaster
Cambridge Utd v. Hull City
Newport v. Lincoln
Orient v. Reading
Swansea v. Preston NE
Walsall v. Bristol Rovers
Wigan Ath v. Bournemouth

FOURTH DIVISION

Aldershot v. Stockport
Blackpool v. Peterborough
Chester v. Mansfield
Chesterfield v. Wrexham
Halifax v. Torquay
Northampton v. Crewe

TOMORROW

Swindon v. Hartlepool (11.0 am)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

Buxton v. Burton Albion
Gainsborough v. Rhyl
Goole v. Mossley
Stafford R v. Grantham

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Aldershot v. King's Lynn; Chelmsford v. Bedworth; Corby v. Cheltenham; Crawley v. Fareham; Gloucester v. Folkestone; Hastings v. RS Southampton; Trowbridge v. AP Leamington; Welling v. Gravesend; Witney v. Shepshed, Tamarrow: Fareham v. Witney (5.0). Midland Division: Dudley v. Oldbury; Forest Gn v. Sutton Coldfield; Hednesford v. Bridgnorth; Merthyr T v. Banbury; Moor Gn v. Brereskrove; Redditch v. Stourbridge; Rushden v. Leicester Utd; VS Rugby v. Wellingboro. Southern Division: Addlestone v. Salisbury; Andover v. Sheppey; Basingstoke v. Dover; Cambridge C v. Thanet (at Thanet); Canterbury v. Hillingdon; Dorchester v. Woodford; Dunstable v. Gosport; Erith v. Ashford; Tonbridge v. Poole; Watercolville v. Chatham.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—Arsenal v. Crystal Palace; Bristol R v. Oxford (2.30); Ipswich v. Birmingham (2.15); Portsmouth v. Luton (2.30); Watford v. Brighton; West Ham v. Swansea (2.0).

SMITHKOFF IRISH LEAGUE.—Lame v. Carrick; Newry v. Distillery (1.0); Portadown v. Ards. Rece Cup, Semi-finals: Ballymena v. Linfield; Coleraine v. Glentoran.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v. Dundee Utd
Celtic v. Rangers
Dundee v. Dumbarton
Hearts v. Hibernian
St Mirren v. Morton

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Ayr v. Kilmarnock
Brechin v. Partick Thistle
Clydebank v. Airdrie
Falkirk v. St Johnstone
Forfar v. East Fife
Hamilton v. Clyde
Motherwell v. Meadowbank

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Albion Rovers v. Dunfermline
Arbroath v. Stranraer
Berwick v. Montrose
Cowdenbeath v. Queens Park
Queen of South v. Stenhousemuir
Raith Rovers v. Alloa
Stirling Albion v. E Stirlingshire

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE.—Bristol Manor Farm v. Bideford; Chipperham v. Cheltenham; Clevedon v. Bristol City; Dawlish v. Taunton; Frome v. Barnstaple; Liskeard v. Devizes; Melksham v. Minehead; Plymouth v. Shepton Mallet; Saltash v. Clandown.

LONDON SENIOR CUP.—Semi-finals: Bromley v. Finchley; Fisher v. Southall.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE.—Chester-le-Street v. Whitley Bay; Crook v. Consett; Ferryhill v. Harden; Gretna v. Spennymoor; Ryhope v. Bishop Auckland; Shildon v. Peterlee. Tom Law v. South Bank; Whitby v. Billingham.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE.—Bootle v. Netherfield; Caernarvon v. Stalybridge; Curzon Ashton v. Burscough; Eastwood Hanley v. Leyland Motors; Formby v. Congleton; Penrith v. Lancaster; Prescot Cables v. Wilaford; St Helens v. Leek T.

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL.—England Under-18 v. Scotland Under-18 (Barnsley).

Rowing

HEAD OF RIVER RACES (Mortlake to Putney).

Motor Sport

BRANDS HATCH.—Giant 500-car GP circuit race, qualifying rounds. Finals tomorrow (10.0).

Rugby Union

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.—Ireland v. England (at Lansdowne Rd, Dublin); France v. Wales (Parc des Princes, Paris).
CLUB MATCHES.—Bedford v. Vale of Lune (6.0); Birmingham v. Rugby; Bridgend v. Rosslyn Pk (12.15); Bristol v. Harlequins; Cambourne v. Redruth; Fylde v. Manchester. Gloucester v. Moseley; Guys Hospital v. Blackheath; Hartlepool Rvrs v. Royal High; Leicester v. Headingley; London Irish v. Bath; London Welsh v. Swansea; Llanelli v. Cardiff; Morley v. St Helens; Northampton v. Liverpool; Northern v. Saracens; Nuneaton v. Nottingham; Orrell v. Roundhay; Plymouth Alb v. Maesteg; Pontypridd v. Newbridge; Richmond v. Met Police; Sale v. Wakefield; Sheffield v. Birkenhead Pk; Tredegar v. Glamorgan Wars; Torquay v. S Wales Police; Wasps v. Gosforth; Waterloo v. London Scottish West; Hartlepool v. Broughton Pk. Tomorrow: Coventry v. Ebbw Vale.
SCRUMPEPPES SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Ayr v. Melrose; Boroughmuir v. Gala; Glasgow Acads v. Jed-Forest; Hawick v. Stewart's Mel FP; Selkirk v. Heriot's FP; Watsonians v. Kelso; West of Scotland v. Edinburgh Acads.

Rugby League

TOMORROW

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP.—Bradford N v. Leigh (3.30); Featherstone R v. Hunslet (3.30); Halifax v. Hull. Hull KR v. Barrow; Leeds v. Wigan; Oldham v. Workington T; St Helens v. Warrington.
SECOND DIVISION.—Dewsbury v. Rochdale H (3.30); Huddersfield v. Doncaster (3.30); Mansfield M v. Bridgend (3.30); Salford v. Bramley; Southend v. Batley; Wakefield T v. Blackpool B (3.30); Whitehaven v. Runcorn H (3.30); York v. Fulham (3.30).

Ice Hockey

HEINEKEN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Ayr v. Whitley Bay (7.00), Dundee v. Durham (5.30), Fife v. Streatham (5.30), Nottingham v. Cleveland (6.30), Southampton v. Murrayfield (6.00). First Division: Blackpool v. Richmond (7.00), Deeside v. Crowtree (5.30).

TOMORROW

HEINEKEN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Durham v. Southampton (6.30), Murray field v. Streatham (6.30), Fife v. Ayr (7.00), Whitley Bay v. Dundee (6.30). First Division: Glasgow v. Richmond (6.00), Lee Valley v. Blackpool (7.00), Solihull v. Altrincham (6.00).

Basketball

CARLSBERGS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Wembley).—Semi-finals: Kingcraft Kingston v. Walters Crisps Leicester (2.30), FSO Manchester United v. Nissan Worthing Bears (7.30). Women's final: Avon Northampton v. Dalhatsu Crystal Palace (5.0).

TOMORROW

CARLSBERGS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.—Final (5.30).

Road Running

WOLVERHAMPTON MARATHON (10.30).
ADIDAS HALF-MARATHON (Wilmslow, 10.30).
WEMBLEY HALF-MARATHON (2.0).

Lacrosse

REGIONAL TROPHY.—Lancashire v. Cheshire (Rochdale LC 2.30).
WOMEN'S CLUBS AND COLLEGES TOURNAMENT (Chelsea College Astro Ground, 10.30).

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BRIDGE

Rixi Markus

THE British ladies team, captained by Hugh Kelsey, got off to a shaky start in the Seventh World Team Olympiad in Seattle. They dropped more points than they should have done in the round robin qualifying stages, but a brilliant finish got them into the top four and the final stages of the contest.

The Netherlands ladies had displayed devastating form throughout the qualifying round, and they led by a substantial margin for most of the time. The final positions in the round robin were as follows: 1 — Netherlands 442 vp. 2 — USA 427 5. 3 — France 426. 4 — Great Britain 401 75. Finishing in top place, the Netherlands had the right to choose whether they played the third or fourth placed team in the semi-finals. They made the error of choosing Britain as their opponents, not realising that the British sextet had at last found their true form. The Netherlands were annihilated by the enormous margin of 188-56 imp, with 17 of the 56 imp being a carry-forward score from the previous meeting in the round robin stage.

In my opinion, no team could have defeated Britain on that day. They hardly made an error or a misjudgment, and their play was often inspired. Here is a hand which I liked very much:

North
♠ A 9 7 5
♥ J 8 6
♦ 8
♣ A Q 10 6 2

West
♠ K Q 8 3
♥ Q 9 7
♦ J 6
♣ J 9 7 3

East
♠ 4
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ A K 10 9 7 3
♣ 8 4

South
♠ J 10 6 2
♥ A K 10
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ K 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
Smith Davies
1S NB 1C 1D
4S NB 3S NB
NB NB

West led the jack of diamonds, and East won with the king and switched to a heart. Nicola Smith went up with the ace and played a small spade to dummy's nine, which held the trick. She then cashed three top clubs, discarding her losing heart, and ruffed a club in the closed hand. The king of hearts, a diamond ruff in dummy and a heart ruff in hand gave her nine tricks, and the ace of spades was still in dummy for the tenth. The game contract was made for the loss of just two trump tricks and one diamond.

Sally Horton produced an even better piece of cardplay on the following deal from the Britain versus US match in the round robin stage.

Dealer East: love all.

North
♠ Q 7 5
♥ K 10 5 3
♦ K 10 6
♣ A 4 2

West
♠ A 6 3
♥ —
♦ A 9 7 4 2
♣ Q 9 8 6 5

East
♠ J 10
♥ J 9 8 6 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ J 10 7

South
♠ K 9 8 4 2
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ J 3
♣ K 3

Sally became the declarer in the normal contract of 4H. West cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to a club, taken by dummy's ace. A heart to the ace revealed the appalling break, but declarer was undaunted. She cashed the king of clubs, led a low spade to the queen and ruffed a club. A diamond to the king and a diamond ruff gave South seven tricks and left the following position:

North
♠ 7 5
♥ K 10 5
♦ —
♣ —

West
♠ A 6
♥ —
♦ 9
♣ Q 9

East
♠ 10
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ —
♣ —

South
♠ K 9 8 4
♥ Q
♦ —
♣ —

Sally cashed the queen of hearts and led a spade. No matter which defender won this trick, East was forced to ruff the next lead and return a trump into dummy's tenace. This deal occurred in the very first match of the tournament, but I did not see a better played hand throughout the Olympiad.

SEVERAL HUNDRED players from a score of countries will be taking part in the 20th Easter Guardian Tournament at the Park Lane Hotel in London next weekend from April 5-8.

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Out Of The Gloom can bring cheer

Richard Baerlein

In 1983 the champion hurdler, Gaye Brief, went on to win the valuable Templegate Hurdle at Liverpool. Now renamed the Sandeman Aintree Hurdle, Gaye Brief is out to win it again.

After finishing fourth to See You Then in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle on March 12, trainer Mercy Rimell criticised Gaye Brief's rider, Richard Linley, for a bad race in that he made his effort too soon.

As the horse had not run since early *December*, an absence of over three months, I believe the horse blew up after taking the lead before the last.

We know Rose Ravine gets the distance well but she and Bajan Sunshine only get 3lb from Gaye Brief, whose Cheltenham run should have tuned him up sufficiently to be a better proposition and win this race for a second time.

Out Of The Gloom and The Breener have little to fear from their rivals in the Glenlivet Novices *Hurdle*. Following three consecutive victories, Out Of The Gloom had been well backed from 25-1 to 8-1 before Reg Hollingshead, to the intense annoyance of many punters, decided it would be better to hold him over for the extended distance of today's race.

The Breener won three races in succession in the Newbury mud before finishing third to Harry Hastings and Kesslin over three miles at Cheltenham. *From the* final flight The Breener ran through six rivals with an amazing burst.

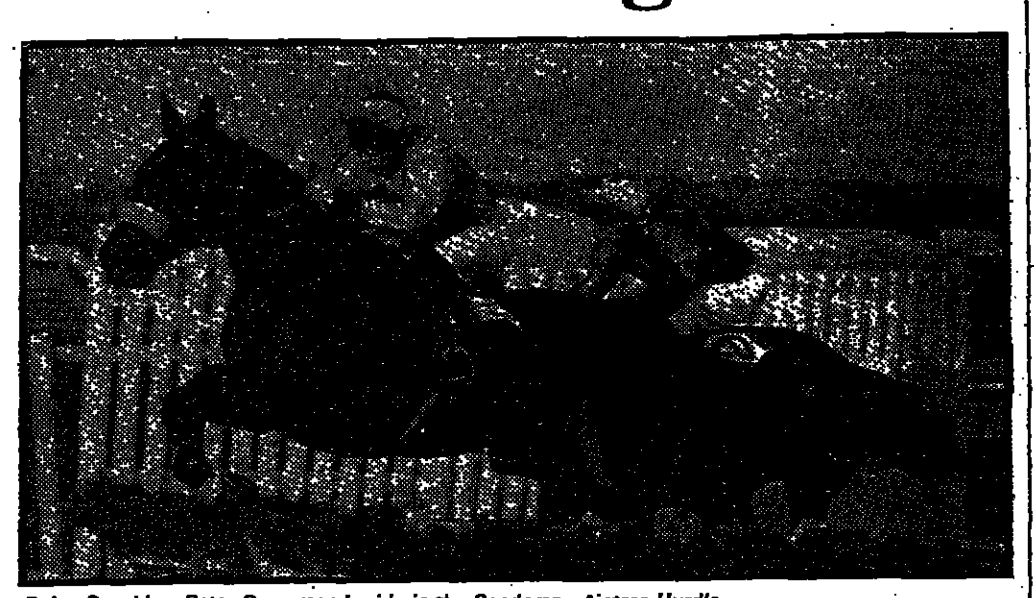
It may be close between them but as Out Of The Gloom missed *Cheltenham to* be trained especially for today's event he will be the fresher horse and is the selection.

At Lingfield Flyhome, who would have been my William Hill Lincoln Handicap selection but for a bad draw, tries for compensation in the Graisons Handicap with Carson again in the saddle.

The Foxhunters' Chase known as the amateurs' Grand National and sponsored by R. E. A. Bott of Wigmore Street, run yesterday over 2 miles 6 furlongs of the Grand National course, confirmed that the continuous rain was beginning to have an affect on the runners who were finish*ing very tired*.

A wet morning will produce really heavy going which will suit the 1983 winner Corbiere, but will be against last year's winner Hallo Dandy *as they strive* to join the select band of those who have won the race twice. Had the ground been better yesterday I believe the strong pace-setter, Freddie Bee, once nearly *50* lengths clear of his nearest rival, would have held on.

He was still 20 lengths clear but was beginning to tire as he approached the second last and had been joined at the last by City Boy and Peace Clash. Tim



Bajan Sunshine, Peter Scudamore's ride in the Sandeman Aintree Hurdle

Thomson *Jones*, the most able amateur of them all, had ridden a confident race on the 12-year-old City Boy, who had spent the last five years eventing, and he went ahead for an easy victory over Peace Clash and the favourite, Golden Ty.

After a stewards' inquiry, Peace Clash was disqualified *and Golden Ty promoted* second. Alan Orkney, rider of Golden Ty, had broken his irons approaching Bechers and rode the rest of the race with his legs dangling. John Thorne had actually won this race on Spartan Missile a few years ago *after losing his irons at* Bechers. Freddie Bee was placed third on the disqualification of Peace Clash.

The Derby Quincentenary, sponsored by the Earl of Derby as a consolation prize for those beaten in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle, did just that, with a second, third and fourth in the Tri*umph occupying the first* three places, but the order was reversed as Humberside Lady, strongly ridden by Mark Dwyer, held off Jonjo O'Neill on Nohalmdun by half a lenght, with Against the Grain, second in the Triumph, four lengths back.

The day began with a 100-1 winner Pan Arctic over the favourite, Itsgottabealright, in a field of 10 and visions of a disastrous National sprang to mind.

Martin Pipe enjoying by far his best season, scored for the fifth time in six outings with Cats Eyes, who made practically all the running in *the Maiden* Timber Novices Hurdle, starting at 10-1.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS: Nap: OUT OF *THE GLOOM (5.5 Liverpool)*. Next best: WEST TIP (3.20 Liverpool).

REST OF THE CARD AT LIVERPOOL

2 00 Kathies Lad (nb)
2 35 Passage Creeper
3 20 WEST TIP (nap)
4 05 State Case
4 35 Rhythmic Pastimes
5 05 The Breener

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT: All six races
* DENOTES BLINKERS GOING: Soft

BBC-1

2 0—CAPTAIN MORGANS AINTREE CHASE (LIMITED HANDICAP): 2m; £13,241; (8 runners).
102 142321 KATHIES LAD (D) (J. Clayton) A. Jarvis 8-11-7 .... S. Smith-Eccles
103 1F-4222 SEA MERCHANT (D) (BF) (T. McDonagh) W. A. Stephenson 8-11-4 R. Lamb
105 412402 FAR BRIDGE (D) (Duke of Atholl) G. Balding 9-10-11 .... B. Reilly
106 112FP3 KYOTO (D) (B. Monkhouse) J. Jenkins 7-10-10 .... J. Francome
107 0-23133 WESTERN ROSE (C/D) (BF) (J. Curtis) Mrs M. Rimell 13-10-7 S. Marshead
108 241110 BLACKFEET (D) (A. McInally) J. Wilson 6-10-7 .... G. Charlton
110 121003 JO COLOMBO (D) (B. O'Brien) Mrs W. Sykes 10-10-7 .... P. Scudamore
112 F0-2022 NORTH YARD (D) (A. House) R. House 9-10-7 .... Philip Hobbs
1984: Little Bay 9-11-7 J. Francome 11-4 fav G. W. Richards 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Kathies Lad, 4 Far Bridge, 5 Sea Merchant, 13-2 Western Rose, 8 Blackfeet, 12 Jo Colombo.
TOP FORM TIPS: Kathies Lad 8, Sea Merchant 7, Western Rose 6.

BBC-1

2 35—SANDEMAN AINTREE HURDLE: 2m 5½f; £13,086 (8 runners).
201 03-2410 FREDCOTERI (T. Murphy) A. L. Moore (Ire) 9-11-11 .... T. Taaffe
202 121-124 GAYE BRIEF (C/D) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M. Rimell 8-11-9 R. Linley
203 412900 BAJAN SUNSHINE * (P. Green) M. Tate 6-11-6 .... P. Scudamore
204 210-040 CENTROLINE (A. J. Bingley Ltd) C. A. Bell 7-11-6 .... J. H. Davies
207 4-22242 MOUNT BOLUS (A. Saminetan) D. Oughton 5-11-6 .... P. Dennis
208 111020 PASSAGE CREEPER (Mrs S. Hossey) P. Mullins (Ire) 8-11-6 .... A. Mullins
209 0-21302 ROBIN WONDER (D) (A. Haut) D. Elsworth 7-11-6 .... J. J. O'Neill
210 2-20111 ROSE RAVINE (Mrs S. Smart) F. Walwyn 6-11-6 .... R. Pusey
1984: Dawn Run 6-11-6 A. Mullins 4-6 fav P. Mullins (Ire) 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Robin Wonder, 3 Gaye Brief, 9-2 Rose Ravine, 6 Fredcoteri, 8 Passage Creeper, 12 Bajan Sunshine, 33 Centroline.
TOP FORM TIPS: Rose Ravine 8, Robin Wonder 7, Gaye Brief 6.

4 05—CHIVAS REGAL CHASE: 2m; £4,386 (8 runners).
402 240-1PP CARDINAL'S OUTBURST (D) (C. Moorsom) J. Edwards 10-11-8 W. Knox (4)
403 4P1040 DENNIS AUBURN (D) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R. Francis 8-11-8 .... M. Pitman (4)
404 243434 FURY BOY (Capt J. Macdonald-Buchanan) D. Nicholson 12-11-8 .... Mr A. Macdonald-Buchanan (7)
405 012230 GOLDEN FRIEND * (D) (D. Mastin) Mrs M. Rimell 7-11-8 .... Mr M. Price (7)
406 02314F GRIMA (N. Pridham) I. Dudgeon 8-11-8 .... Dr D. Chesney
407 0001-1F POUNENTES * (D) (BF) (W. McGhie) W. McGhie 8-11-8 P. A. Farrell
408 111340 SILENT ECHO (D) (A. Blackmore) A. Blackmore 10-11-8 N. Jenkins (7)
409 212110 STATE CASE (D) (BF) (M. Hogan) Mrs M. Dickinson 7-11-8 .... Mr A. Dudgeon (4)
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 5-4 State Case, 3 Golden Friend, 11-2 Pounentes, 8 Fury Boy, 12 Silent Echo, Cardinal's Outburst.
TOP FORM TIPS: State Case 9, Fury Boy 7, Golden Friend 6.

4 35—WHITE SATIN AMATEUR HANDICAP HURDLE: 2m; £5,431 (18 runners).
501 1/P L'AUBERDIERE * (B. Clark) C. Holmes 5-12-7 .... C. Holmes (7)
502 12-3001 DESERT HERO (D) (W. Ponsonby) F. Walwyn 11-11-10 H. Ponsonby (7)
503 12200I RHYTHMIC PASTIMES (5lb ex) (D) (P. Byrne) J. Jenkins 5-11-8 R. Beggan
507 000000 JADE AND DIAMOND (D) (R. Lavelle) G. Balding 7-11-2 T. Thomson Jones
509 62P000 WHOLE SHEBANG * (D) (R. Bartholomew) D. Wilson 6-11-1 A. J. Wilson
510 4-31110 JOBROKE (D) (BF) (Lt-Col R. Wardell) M. H. Easterby 5-10-13 T. Easterby
511 0-40514 GLORIOUS JANE (D) (D. O'Riordan) H. de Bromhead (Ire) 5-10-12 .... J. Lombard (4)
513 1-34001 MISTER GOLDEN (D) (N. Cohen) F. Winter 5-10-7 .... S. Sherwood
516 111040 NO-U-TURN (D) (S. Tindall) S. Mellor 7-10-0 .... D. Gray
518 030042 SEAGRAM (D) (BF) (Malncrest Ltd) D. Barons 5-10-0 M. Armytage (7)
519 200000 ASIA MINOR (D) (C. Hitchings) C. Hitchings 5-10-0 ... M. Richards (7)
521 2100 DON'T ANNOY ME (D) (Europrint Promotions) R. Whitaker 5-10-0 .... P. Dennis (7)
522 3F0U-04 RIVAL (D) (K. Aldred) K. Morgan 7-10-0 .... J. Scott (7)
523 02101P BOLD RODERICK (5lb ex) (D) (G. Richards) D. Burchell 6-10-0 .... Miss T. Davies (7)
524 34FFP0 HARRY SIPPERS (K. Wingrove) K. Wingrove 8-10-0 .... R. Lay (7)
525 P/0000- PARSON'S PRIDE (K. Wingrove) K. Wingrove 10-10-0 Mrs H. Neenan (7)
526 04/P000 RACHEL STREET * (D) (J. Harriman) J. Harriman 9-10-0 .... C. Harriman (7)
527 041220 CHARLIES COTTAGE (D) (K. Hennessy) P. Mullins (Ire) 5-11-7 .... W. P. Mullins
1984: Karenomore 6-10-4, Mr T. Easterby, 7-2 fav, M. H. Easterby, 19 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-2 Seagram, 11-2 Rhythmic Pastimes, Desert Hero, 6 Mister Golden, 8 Jobroke, Charlie's Cottage, 10 Jade And Diamond, Glorious Jane.
TOP FORM TIPS: Seagram 8, Rhythmic Pastimes 7, Desert Hero 6.

5 05—GLENLIVET NOVICE HURDLE: 2m 5½f; £5,790 (15 runners).
602 1113 THE BREENER (R.E.A. Bott Ltd) O. Sherwood 6-11-9 Mr S. Sherwood
607 21031 CHIPPED METAL (J. Bartow) R. Francis 6-11-1 .... R. Crank
608 423210 DOWN FLIGHT (A. Albright) C. Holmes 5-11-1 .... A. Webb
611 30212 GLEN LOCHAN (Lady Cadogan) N. Crump 5-11-1 .... C. Hawkins
612 10 KINGSWICK (Silex Ltd) F. Winter 5-11-1 .... J. Francome
613 70031 LAY PREACHER (P. Healy) P. Healy (Ire) 7-11-1 .... Mr P. J. Healy
615 023120 MORN MARINER (W. Mullins) D. Elsworth 5-11-1 ...... S. Smith Eccles
617 0014 OAKLEY HOUSE (R. Woodward) F. Walwyn 6-11-1 .... S. Shilston
618 1103 OVER THE LAST (A. Delaney) T. Carberry (Ire) 5-11-1 ...... T. McGivern
619 2-31210 SOME MACHINE (W. O'Gorman) D. Nicholson 6-11-1 .... P. Scudamore
620 0012 STRANDS OF GOLD (BF) (Independent Twine Co) J. FitzGerald 6-11-1 .... M. Dwyer
622 3211 OUT OF THE GLOOM (D. Lowe) R. Hollinshead 4-11-0 .... J. J. O'Neill
624 01114 GANGABAL * (W. Mullins) P. Mullins (Ire) 5-10-10 ... Mr W. P. Mullins
627 230P0 DARRU (A. Soroce) R. Jeffrey 4-10-6 .... J. Brough
628 4210 BIEPONYMOUS (W. Gredley) M. Pipe 4-10-6 .... P. Leach
1984: Jennie Pat, 4-10-12, D. Coakley, 8-1, G. W. Richards, 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Out Of The Gloom, 7-2 The Breener, 5 Over The Last, 13-2 Gangabal, 10 Kingswick.
TOP FORM TIPS: Out Of The Gloom 9, Over The Last 7, The Breener 6.

LINGFIELD

1 45 Baton Passer
2 15 Tom Forrester
2 45 Amiga Borracha
3 40 Corn Street
4 15 Heart or Stone
4 45 Virgin Prince
5 15 Destina

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Up to 1m HIGH, but may be LOW on soft ground
* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Heavy

ITV

1 45—WADE FURNISHINGS HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 1¼m; £2,322 (6 runners).
1 (6) 2413- BATON PASSER (C) G. Harwood 9-7 G. Starkey
2 (1) 00001- MARLEY ROOFUS M. J. Haynes 9-4 P. Cook
3 (2) 22203- ROYAAN C. Benstead 9-0 .... B. Rouse
4 (5) 030- DAWN JUSTICE G. Huffer 8-11 G. Carter (5)
7 (4) 000000- DREYFUS D. Sasse 7-13 .... D. McKay
8 (3) 000000- NAJI P. Butler 7-7 .... N. Adams (5)
1984: Abandoned—waterlogged course.
Betting forecast: 10-11 Baton Passer, 7-2 Marley Roofus, 5 Royaan, 7 Dawn Justice, 10 Dreyfus.
TOP FORM TIPS: Baton Passer 9, Royaan 7.

ITV

2 15—UNION TRANSPORT HANDICAP: 7f; £3,215 (10 runners).
4 (7) 100000- SYLVAN BARNUM * (C) P. Mitchell 4-9-7 .... J. Matthias
6 (9) 12-0200 EWE LAMB (C/D) A. Hide 4-9-0 A. Murray
8 (1) 041310- VIRGIN ISLE (D) P. Haslam 4-8-10 G. Sexton
9 (8) 400100- MINMAX * (D) Pat Mitchell 7-8-8 .... R. Cochrane
10 (5) 100000- AL AMEAD (C/D) C. Benstead 5-8-7 B. Rouse
11 (2) 000021- HIGH PITCHED (D) M. Haynes 6-8-7 .... C. Rutter (7)
12 (6) 002200- REAR ACTION R. Smyth 5-8-5 .... S. Whitworth (3)
13 (10) 440024- TOM FORRESTER (C) A. Pitt 4-8-4 W. Carson
14 (4) 000/00- BUNTER A. Moore 7-8-3 .... D. McKay
16 (3) 040100- GAUHAR (C/D) M. Blanshard 4-8-2 .... N. Adams (5)
Betting forecast: 3 Tom Forrester, 7-2 High Pitched, 5 Virgin Isle, 6 Sylvan Barnum, 8 Minmax, 10 Al Amead, 12 Ewe Lamb.
TOP FORM TIPS: Tom Forrester 8, High Pitched 7, Virgin Isle 6.

2 45—NUTLEY SELLING STAKES: 3-Y-O; 7f 140yds; £811 (6 runners).
1 (2) 0 NIGEL'S ROCK P. Haslam 9-0 .... G. Sexton
3 (1) 00000- SYLVAN JOKER * P. Mitchell 9-0 J. Matthias
4 (6) 00- THE CHALICEWELL J. Holt 9-0 ... W. Osborne
6 (5) D00033- AMIGA BORRACHA K. Brassey 8-11 .... S. Whitworth (3)
7 (3) 200200- IRELAND GIRL K. Ivory 8-11 ...... R. Cochrane
9 (4) 00-0 TAXINETTE A Davison 8-11 ...... M. Thomas
Betting forecast: 1-2 Sylvan Joker, 4 Amiga Borracha, 7 Ireland Girl, 10 Nigel's Rock.
TOP FORM TIPS: Sylvan Joker 8, Amiga Borracha 6.

ITV

3 40—GRAISONS HANDICAP: 7f 140yds; £7,531 (10 runners).
2 (9) 0/0200- THRONE OF GLORY C. Brittain 4-9-7 .... P. Robinson
3 (6) 00211-4 MILK HEART G. Lewis 6-9-3 ...... J. Mercer
4 (2) 0000- CREWS HILL Mrs C. Reavey 9-9-2 ... N. Day
5 (3) 022-100 PHARLIOU R. Armstrong 4-8-13 ... S. Cauthen
6 (1) 20104-0 CORN STREET J. Bosley 7-8-7 .... R. Hills
7 (10) 42000- DETROIT SAM (C) R. Akehurst 4-8-5 J. Reid
8 (8) 41400-0 AQABA PRINCE R. Howe 5-7-11 G. Dickie (5)
10 (5) 31013-0 FLYHOME P. Cundell 4-7-11 .... W. Carson
11 (4) 344000- PLIANT C Horgan 5-7-7 ...... T. Williams (3)
12 (7) 31410-2 PEANDAY H. Beasley 4-7-7 .... D. McKay
Betting forecast: 11-4 Corn Street, 100-30 Milk Heart, 4 Peanday, 6 Flyhome, 8 Pharlion, 10 Pliant.
TOP FORM TIPS: Milk Heart 8, Flyhome 7, Corn Street 6.

4 15—OXTED STAKES: 3-Y-O; 6f; £822 (15 runners).
1 (1) ABSOLUTE BOUNDER R. Hannon 9-0 W. Carson
2 (15) 2220- ALQIRM C. Benstead 9-0 .... B. Rouse
3 (4) 03- ARNOUX C. Horgan 9-0 .... A. Clark
4 (7) 0- CROOK N HONEST G. Lewis 9-0 ...... J. Mercer
5 (12) U0-00 HEART OF STONE R. Armstrong 9-0 S. Cauthen
6 (8) JANE'S BRAVE BOY W. Hastings-Bass 9-0 .... R. Lines (5)
7 (5) 00- PUCCINI R. Armstrong 9-0 .... G. Sexton
8 (11) 000- ROAD TO KELLS C. Benstead 9-0 D. McKeown
9 (14) 002-004 SECRETARY'S OFFICE * P. Mitchell 9-0 .... J. Matthias
10 (3) 00- EUROLINK SEA BABY P. Mitchell 8-11 .... A. McGlone
11 (2) FREE SALLY J. Holt 8-11 Angela Frampton (7)
12 (10) 0- HILDALARIOUS M. Bolton 8-11 .... J. Reid
13 (9) 044- IRISH COOKIE Mrs C. Reavey 8-11 ... N. Day
14 (13) 0- PRIORY MAID J. O'Donoghue 8-11 P. O'Leary
15 (6) 000- PURE PLEASURE R. Howe 8-11 ...... S. Cattle
Betting forecast: 9-4 Alqirm, 100-30 Secretary's Office, 5 Absolute Bounder, 6 Arnoux, 8 Irish Cookie, 10 Jane's Brave Boy.
TOP FORM TIPS: Alqirm 8, Secretary's Office 7, Arnoux 6.

4 45—WESTERHAM STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £1,228 (6 runners).
4 (1) ME AND MY SHADOW D. Sasse 8-11 D. McKay
8 (4) SYLVAN EXPRESS P. Mitchell 8-11 J. Matthias
9 (6) THORNRULLAH J. Bridger 8-11 N. Dawe (5)
10 (3) 3 VIRGIN PRINCE R. Hannon 8-11 A. McGlone
12 (2) HOTBEE J. Bridger 8-8 .... R. Guest
13 (5) SKYLIN Mrs C. Reavey 8-8 ...... J. Reid
Betting forecast: Evens Virgin Prince, 5-2 Sylvan Express, 4 Skylin, 12 Me And My Shadow.

5 15—EAST GRINSTEAD STAKES: 3-Y-O; 1¼m; £1,535 (4 runners).
1 (2) 100000- YALE R. Boss 9-7 .... M. Miller
2 (4) 01- DESTINA G. Harwood 9-4 ...... G. Starkey
3 (1) 1- BOLD REX J. Dunlop 9-7 ...... W. Carson
4 (3) 0-0 TODA FORCE AVANTI A. Davison 9-0 .... M. Thomas
Betting forecast: 6-4 Bold Rex, 15-8 Destina, 7-2 Yale, 10 Toda Force Avanti.
TOP FORM TIPS: Bold Rex 9, Destina 7.

EDINBURGH

2 15 Garda's Gold
2 40 Tanfen
3 05 Coronea
3 50 Excavator Lady
4 20 Run Easy
4 50 Frisco

● INSPECTION 7.30 AM
* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Soft

2 15—MARSHALL RACING JUVENILE STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f: £734 (6 runners).
1 (4) 4 GARDA'S GOLD M. Brittain 8-11 ... B. Coogan
3 (6) CABASK J. Berry 8-8 .... K. Darley
4 (5) 3 MISS NATALIE N. Callaghan 8-8 A. Roper (7)
5 (1) MRS NAUGHTY W. Wharton 8-8 W. Ryan (3)
6 (2) MUSIC TEACHER A. M. Robson 8-8 .... J. Bleasdale
7 (3) 4 NATIONS FANDANGO R. Stubbs 8-8 .... G. Brown (7)
Betting forecast: 7-4 Garda's Gold, 3 Cabask, 4 Nations Fandango, 6 Mrs Naughty, 8 Miss Natalie, 12 Music Teacher.

2 40—MARSHALL RACING ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP: 5f; £780 (8 runners).
1 (2) 03300-0 PERGODA * (C/D) I. Vickers 7-9-10 .... M. Hindley (5)
2 (5) 00000-3 TANFEN T. Craig 4-8-10 ... E. Guest (5)
3 (3) 00/00- HIGHLAND MAJOR F. Watson 4-8-9 .... D. Leadbitter (5)
4 (1) 000000- BOOM SHANTY (D) D. Chapman 4-8-6 .... M. Wood
5 (6) 302220- TRADESMAN (C/D) J. Haldane 5-8-0 K. Darley
6 (7) 349003- GO SPECTRUM G. Calvert 5-7-13 . J. Lowe
7 (4) 00- CALAMAN P. Monteith 5-7-13 .... S. P. Griffiths (5)
9 (8) 020000- AILSA PEARL G. Harman 3-7-7 .. N. Carlisle
Betting forecast: 6-4 Pergoda, 11-4 Tanfen, 4 Tradesman, 6 Go Spectrum, 10 Boom Shanty.
TOP FORM TIPS: Tanfen 8, Tradesman 7, Pergoda 6.

3 05—CRAZY MAIDEN STAKES: 1m 3f; £742 (10 runners).
1 (7) BRILLIANT FELLOW P. Monteith 8-9-6 .... S. Keightley
2 (2) 023020- GAMESMANSHIP P. Monteith 4-9-6 B. Coogan
3 (6) 0300-2 HABAT'S MELODY * I. Vickers 4-9-6 —
4 (10) 03220-0 LINE OF FORTUNE N. Callaghan 5-9-6 .... E. Guest (5)
7 (3) 24000-0 TROMEROS Denys Smith 4-9-6 ...... M. Fry
10 (5) 0-0 RELKO RULER M. Brittain 3-8-0 A. Bacon (7)
11 (8) 000- ROBSIM (J. Berry) 3-8-0 ... J. Carroll (7)
12 (9) 0000-0 WET PAINT (J. Parkes) 3-8-0 R. P. Elliott
13 (4) 0- WILD GINGER (J. W. Watts) 3-8-0 .... N. Connorton
14 (1) 0- CORONEA E. Weymes 3-7-11 ...... K. Darley
Betting forecast: 9-4 Tromeros, 3 Coronea, 9-2 Gamesmanship, 6 Line of Fortune, 8 Habat's Melody, 12 Wild Ginger.
TOP FORM TIPS: Line of Fortune 8, Tromeros 7, Gamesmanship 6.

3 50—DOUBLE HORSESHOE HANDICAP: 1¼m; £1,585 (6 runners).
2 (3) 002100- MIAMI STAR (C) Denys Smith 4-9-9 .... D. Leadbitter (5)
3 (1) 00003-0 BOLDERA (D) D. Chapman 4-9-2 ... M. Wood
4 (6) 432000- SPECIAL SETTLEMENT R. Allan 4-8-6 .... S. P. Griffiths (5)
6 (4) 140000- EXCAVATOR LADY * G. Moore 6-8-4 S. Webster
8 (5) 00-0000 HAYASHI C. Booth 4-8-4 ...... L. Charnock
9 (2) 040020- THARALEOS F. Watson 5-7-13 ...... M. Fry
Betting forecast: 15-8 Miami Star, 5-2 Special Settlement, 4 Tharaleos, 6 Boldera, 10 Hayashi.
TOP FORM TIPS: Miami Star 8, Tharaleos 7, Boldera 6.

4 20—MARSHALL RACING SELLING STAKES: 1m; £558 (8 runners).
1 (5) 00000- MONSWART D. Chapman 4-9-4 ...... M. Wood
3 (6) 0 MIGHTY SUPREMO R. Stubbs 4-9-0 .... G. Brown (7)
4 (2) 0- NIGHT TRAIN G. M. Moore 4-9-0 E. Guest (5)
5 (8) 00000-0 MISS GUENEVERE * T. Craig 4-8-11 .... Fiona Scott (7)
7 (3) 01300-0 DONTONY J. Berry 3-8-4 ...... K. Darley
8 (1) 010-2 RUN EASY I. Vickers 3-8-4 .... —
10 (7) 0000-0 WARTHILL BOY * M. Brittain 3-7-10 .... J. Lowe
11 (4) 00000- SWEET GEMMA N. Tinkler 3-7-7 L. Charnock
Betting forecast: 2 Run Easy, 5-2 Dontony, 100-30 Sweet Gemma, 6 Monswart, 10 Mighty Supremo.
TOP FORM TIPS: Run Easy 8, Dontony 7, Sweet Gemma 6.

4 50—MARSHALL RACING MAIDEN STAKES: 3-Y-O; 7f; £713 (8 runners).
1 0- CUT A CAPER J. W. Watts 9-0 .. N. Connorton
2 04230- FRISCO C. Thornton 9-0 .... J. Bleasdale
4 004- MARK SLANEY G. Calvert 9-0 .... C. Steers (7)
5 000032- OWEN'S PRIDE M. Brittain 9-0 .... B. Coogan
6 0 PAMELA HEANEY N. Callaghan 9-0 M. Hindley (5)
8 42020-4 ABSONANT Mrs G. Reveley 8-11 ...... E. Guest (5)
9 0000- FRIENDLY WONDER F. Watson 8-11 .... D. Leadbitter (5)
10 0- MISS MARCH M. Brittain 8-11 ...... A. Bacon (7)
Betting forecast: 5-2 Absonant, 3 Frisco, 4 Owen's Pride, 6 Cut A Caper, 10 Mark Slaney.
TOP FORM TIPS: Owen's Pride 8, Absonant 7, Cut A Caper 6.

● Blinkers first time: Edinburgh: 4.20 race: Warthill Boy.

Chris Hawkins on the TV races

LIVERPOOL (BBC 1)

2.0 (2m Ch): KATHIES LAD put up a fine weight carrying effort when winning the Grand Annual Chase at Cheltenham, returning a remarkable speed figure of *101*. At his best he is clear very smart but this track is much sharper than Cheltenham and although I take him to win, he may be pressed to catch the front running Blackfeet and Far Bridge.

2.35 (2m 5f): PASSAGE CREEPER makes each-way appeal. He was tenth in the *Champion Hurdle* and on that form has no chance with the second, Robin Wonder, the fourth, Gaye Brief and the fifth, Fredcoteri. He is essentially a stayer, however, and should do better over this longer trip. On the other hand it may not be quite far enough for the champion staying hurdler *Rose Ravince* — unless heavy rain makes the going soft.

GRAND NATIONAL

3.20 (4½m) Ch): WEST TIP must be the selection on a point of handicapping. He has won twice since the weights came without incurring any penalties and meets all his rivals on far worse terms in the Scottish National and Whitbread. He jumps economically, stays well and as an eight-year-old is just beginning to attain the height of his powers. Corbiere cannot be left out of calculations despite his weight. This race suits his slogging style admirably and he is weighted to reverse last year's form with Hallo Dandy. The latter looks sure to jump round and should be in at the finish. Greasepaint has had two heart-breaking races here, finishing second in the last two years, and certainly deserves to triumph. Classified has a touch of class but there is a doubt about his stamina. Mr Snugfit, Mick Easterby's first National runner, is on the upgrade and finished seventh in the *Topham last year, so he has* proved he can jump the course. Lucky Vane, fourth last year, has done likewise but he does take chances at his fences and the luck may run out this time.

LINGFIELD (ITV)

1.45 (1¼m): BATON PASSER won over the *course in heavy going last* season and should be up to carrying 9st 7lb against only moderate opposition. He may have most to fear from Marley Roofus, a winner at Chepstow in softish going last season.

2.15 (7f): TOM FORRESTER likes plenty of give underfoot and with Willie Carson riding should go close with *only 8st 3lb. High* Pitched improved last autumn and can be fancied on his defeat of Maumann at Newmarket in October.

3.40 (7f 140yds): **CORN STREET** made no show on his reappearance behind King Of Clubs at Doncaster last week but that run should have put him right. He was seven lengths behind Milk Heart then but he has a 10lb pull. Flyhome ran well from a bad draw to finish sixth in the Lincoln.

Guts the prime factor in National says Fletcher

Chris Hawkins talks to a jockey who knows what it takes

At around one o'clock today Princess Anne will present 31 former Grand National winning jockeys with replica trophies. The BBC will no doubt roll out the newsreels and for a few minutes the nostalgia nuts among us will be lost in the mists of time.

Among the yesterday men receiving their trophies will be 80 year old Tim Hamey, who won on Forbra in 1932. Evan Williams, successful on *Royal Mail in 1937*, and Bryan Marshall, who rode successive winners in 1953 and 54 on Early Mist and Royal Tan. Fulke Walwyn and Fred Winter, who have both trained and ridden the winner, will be there, along with Captain Bob Petre, the 1946 hero on Lovely Cottage.

Petre went to the same small school at Eversley in Hampshire as Frank Furlong of Reyondstown fame and had just been demobilised from the Scots Guards, after twice being amateur champion before the war, when he climbed aboard Lovely Cottage.

"What I remember most about it were the crowds. It was the first National after the war and they reckon there were over 400,000 people around the course. There were 34 runners and the favourite was Prince Regent at the incredibly short price of 6-4.

He was a Gold Cup winner and the Arkle of his day. He had 12 st 7 lb and my horse 10st 6lb. It was the weight that beat him. He was 20 lengths clear of me with two to jump but he got very tired and in the end only finished third." said Petre.

Two years after this triumph, Petre had the misfortune to trip over a groin at the seaside, breaking a leg so badly that he had to have it amputated. He tried his hand at training for a while, but then turned to farming and breeding horses in a small way. He bred the Hennessy Gold Cup winner, *Knuckle Cracker*, but this success was not sufficient to keep his interest in jump racing alive and he admits, rather apologetically, that he much prefers flat racing.

"But I don't have an oil well and *I* can't afford a horse in training," he said.

The name Red Rum became synonomous with the National in the seventies when *this remarkable horse* won the race three times, twice ridden by boyish, toothy, Brian Fletcher, who had earlier won on Red Alligator in 1968. Fletcher has been retired for nine years now after fracturing his skull in a fall which impaired his vision and balance, but he will be there *today*.

Fletcher's three National victories put him on a par with Jack Anthony, the only other jockey to win the race three times this century, so, who better to ask about the qualities needed by both horse and rider.

"One word sums it up, guts," said Fletcher. "Obvi*ously a horse has* to be *able* to jump but he'll never win around Aintree without guts. If a horse *is* brainy and clever and can put himself right at his fences — like Red Rum — then so much the better. But in the end it's the horses determination that matters."

"I remember Red Rum with great affection, of course, but my biggest thrill came when I won it for the first time on Red Alligator. Nothing could match that thrill. Even though you do something like it again it can never be quite the same. Red Alligator won in '68 but he wasn't so good then as the previous year when he finished third to Foinavon.

"That was the year of the pile-up at fence 23 and if he hadn't been stopped then, there's not a shadow of doubt he would have won. He was out of the same *mare that bred Anglo*, the 1966 winner, you know."

Fletcher missed the game tremendously at first when he had to give up. His marriage suffered and he is now divorced, but his son, Andrew, 13, is showing promise as a rider although father insists on him getting as good an education as possible before entertining any thoughts about becoming a jockey.

Since retiring Fletcher has developed his Backs and Sides Farm *in* Co Durham and breaks and schools young horses. His health has gradually improved and *he* rides out every day. Occasionally he goes racing and has twice seen the horse he regards as the likely winner today — Mr Snugfit. "Yes, I fancy him a lot but don't broadcast it otherwise you might spoil the price."

Mention of Fletcher and Red Rum cannot be allowed *to pass without recalling* the truly heroic race they had against Crisp in 1972 — a race run in record breaking time with the latter treating the fences like hurdles. Under 12st this big Australian horse, built up what seemed to be an unassailable lead until Fletcher, who had been chasing him hard for over *a circuit* on Red Rum, saw his tail swish approaching the final fence.

"I knew he was jiggered then," said Fletcher. "He was *falling* about all over the run-in. He was almost crawling. I suppose it was pathetic really and I've seen it since on television and I feel quite sorry for him."

Poor Old Crisp. He has gone to that great racecourse in the sky, but his great rival, Red Rum is still going strong, and is reputed to have earned his trainer and now owner, Ginger McCain, around half a million pounds in public appearances.

Like the race, he has become a national institution. Thank goodness the public *appeal and money put up* by Seagrams saved it for all time. The old-timers, of course, will tell you it's not what it was. Let Bob Petre have the last word — "In my day they were big black-uns, now they are soft green-uns. anyone could jump those, even me."

HEREFORD

2 30 Bryma
3 00 Andrex
3 50 Last of the Foxes
4 20 Mr Moonraker
4 50 Spaced Out
5 20 Lexador
5 50 Kobey Bay

GOING: Good to soft

2 30—HAY NOVICE HURDLE: (Div I); 3m 1f; £548 (14 runners)
441 KINSBOURNE LAD 5-11-7 .... M. Hammond
203 BRYMA 5-11-0 .... A. Griffiths
000 CELTIC CAPRI 6-11-0 .... J. Frost
000 DAINTY JOE 9-11-0 .... J. Suthern
000 GANDOUCE LANE 8-11-0 E. Murphy
000 KEEP IT DARK 5-11-0 .... B. Powell
PP KELLY'S PILGRIM 7-11-0 C. Gray
F3F MASTER CONE 8-11-0 ...... P. Warner
004- MIDNIGHT ROCKET 9-11-0 C. Jones
0U0 ROYAL TOM 8-11-0 .... Mr M. Besley (7)
200 SATANTILLER 6-11-0 .... Susan Wilton (7)
F SPRINGWOOD BOY 6-11-0 .... M. Richards
F43 TIMSUN 7-11-0 ...... N. Greaves (7)
F-00 BONNY RYMER 5-10-9 ...... T. Wall
Betting forecast: 7-4 Kinsbourne Lad, 11-4 Bryma, 9-2 Timsun, 13-2 Satantiller.

3 0—LITTLE BIRCH SELLING HURDLE: 2m; £839 (19 runners).
P CHARMING CHARLES (D) 6-11-11 .... C. Bell (4)
410 GODS WILL (D) 6-11-11 .... M. Caswell (4)
401- ANDREX (D) 6-11-7 D. Carcary (7)
00-0 RODACE 6-11-7 .... —
0P0 GUARD THE FORT 5-11-2 C. Gray
JOHNSTON'S PRIDE 6-11-2 .... M. Alston (7)
200 MASTER BOON 6-11-2 .... M. Bridgeman (7)
220 SOLAR LIGHT 5-11-2 .... —
0-P0 WINTER SPORT 5-11-2 .... —
P BARASTONE ROSE 6-10-11 .... Mr D. Plummer (7)
0-00 CIDER WITH KATHY 5-10-11 .... Peter Hobbs
B-00 GLEN MAYE 6-10-11 C. Cowley (7)
03- IRENE'S PRIDE 5-10-11 .... J. Duggan (4)
P0 ROCKEFILLEE 5-10-11 ...... G. Jones
P- SPRING MELODY 6-10-11 G. Davies
0 PLOUGHMAN'S 4-10-8 Lorna Vincent
P00 RUSTY ROC 4-10-8 M. Brisbourne
000 BEAU'S GIRL 4-10-3 ... P. Hewe (7)
0F4 ORBITAL MANOEUVERS (BF) 4-10-3 .... T. Wall
Betting forecast: 4 Andrex, 11-2 Gods Will, 13-2 Master Boon, Orbital Manoeuvres, 8 Solar Light, Cider With Kathy, Glen Maye.

3 50—HAY NOVICE HURDLE: Div. II; 3m 1f; £548 (17 runners).
043 LAST OF THE FOXES (C/D) 12-12-0 Miss G. Armytage (7)
000 RANDOMLY 6-12-0 ...... C. Bell (4)
BRONZE WARRIOR 5-11-0 B. Powell
04-0 COYOR 5-11-0 .... J. Frost
000 HIGHLAND FARMER 5-11-0 .... M. Caswell (4)
P KAMACHOW 9-11-0 Mr C. Bridgett
0-00 LUDWELL 6-11-0 ...... A. Gorman
MY BOY BOY 8-11-0 ... J. Suthern
0-00 PENSNETT LAD 6-11-0 ...... A. Sharpe
F02 POOR HAL 7-11-0 ...... C. Cowley (7)
0P TEXAS TURKEY 5-11-0 .... —
30P TUDOR FUN 5-11-0 ...... W. Morris
000 ARCTIC GIPSY 9-10-9 ...... A. Griffiths
403 HAND ME DOWN 8-10-9 S. Earle (7)
2F0 KITTY BUSKINS 7-10-9 G. Newman
PPU NFITY'S GIRL 9-10-9 .... —
FF-0 ROWANE 11-10-9 .... Peter Hobbs
Betting forecast: 9-4 Poor Hal, 3 Randomly, 5 Hand Me Down, 13-2 Kitty Buskins, 12 Last of the Foxes.

4 20—MITCHELLS & BUTLERS NOVICE CHASE: 2½m; £2,992 (16 runners).
2P3 EMMASON (D) (BF) 10-11-11 .... P. Warner
P2P ROGAIRIO 9-11-11 ...... N. Fearn (7)
423 ARCTIC MARINER 7-11-4 .... A. Gearing
000 BALLYMURPHY 7-11-4 .... —
P0F- BEST INTENT 8-11-4 ...... P. Dever
0P COUNCILLOR BILL 9-11-4 .... M. Caswell (4)
4-03 GLEN-LOOK 10-11-4 ...... Peter Hobbs
P2F LEWESDON PRINCE (BF) 8-11-4 .... J. Frost
FPP MAGIC MOUSE 9-11-4 .... —
21F MR MOONRAKER (C/D) 6-11-4 .... B. Powell
F42 NOTRE CHEVAL (D) 6-11-4 C. Mann
P0P PALMERSTON 6-11-4 .... —
0-00 SHINING TUSK 7-11-4 ...... J. Suthern
320 SIR KENWIN 7-11-4 .... —
P40 SQUIRE TRELAWNEY 6-11-4 .... —
OPP EVENING SONG 6-10-13 .... Mr P. Townsley
Betting forecast: 9-4 Mr Moonraker, 5 Notre Cheval, 11-2 Lewesdon Prince.

4 50—KATIE GAZE MEMORIAL TROPHY (HANDICAP CHASE): 3m 1f; £1,900 (13 runners).
F42 LORD LEIGHTON (C) 9-11-7 .... E. Powell
PP-0 COMBE HILL 8-11-3 ...... C. Mann
420 FREDWEL (C/D) 10-10-11 .... J. Duggan (4)
2U-0 HAYBALE (C/D) 11-10-11 .... J. Suthern
P40 DONJILL 11-10-10 ...... G. Newman
001 SPACED OUT (7lb ex) (C/D) 10-10-9 F. Dever
-031 EMMABEL (7lb ex) 11-10-5 .... P. Warner
400 WOODLANDS LAD (D) 10-10-1 .... —
410 CHELSEA ISLAND (C) (BF) 10-10-0 Mr M. Besley (7)
P-P0 CWMYREITHIN (C/D) 9-10-0 .... Peter Hobbs
40P TENS OR BETTER 11-10-0 .... C. Cowley (7)
130 RIB LAW (C/D) 11-10-0 M. Kinane
U00 GOLD RACER 8-10-0 .... R. Chapman (4)
Betting forecast: 7-2 Emmabel, 5 Chelsea Island, 6 Spaced Out, 13-2 Lord Leighton, 7 Fredwel, 8 Haybale, 10 Donjill.

5 20—HEREFORDSHIRE LIGHT HORSE BREEDING SOCIETY'S HUNTER CHASE: Amateur Riders: 2½m; £856 (10 runners).
PFI LEXADOR 7-12-7 Des Williams (7)
304- LITTLE BILSHAM 11-12-0 .... W. Bryan (7)
ASHBURTON 10-11-7 C. Spate (7)
PF- GUY'S FOLLY 10-11-7 .... —
P HANDY MARK 11-11-7 .... P. Eckley (7)
MARINE LANDING 7-11-7 .... H. Oakes (7)
000- ROYAL VIEW 9-11-7 ...... C. Crofter
OF- VENTURE TO DANCE 8-11-7 .... M. Besley (7)
U BALAS 10-11-2 ...... A. Denson (7)
F-PP DAINTY DOLLY 10-11-2 .... M. Richards (7)
Betting forecast: 9-4 *Little Bilsham*, 5 Lexador, 9-2 Ashburton, 6 Handy Mark.

5 50—GRUNWICK STAKES (NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE): 2m; £1,166 (20 runners).
FLYING LESSON 5-11-10 A. Jones (4)
LUCKY MICHAEL 5-11-10 .... A. Hulburd (7)
PADDY BUSKINS 5-11-10 .... Mr G. Upton (7)
RICMSLE 5-11-10 G. Williams (4)
SOLDIER KING 5-11-10 Mr C. Lees
TRUDY'S LOVE 5-11-10 .... Miss J. Roseman (7)
KOBEY BAY 6-11-5 ...... J. Duggan (4)
LITTLE MYND 6-11-5 Mr M. Low (4)
RED BARONESS 5-11-5 .... R. Hatfield (7)
RIGHT MADAM 5-11-5 .... Mrs Cowley (7)
SCALDINO 6-11-5 .... Miss V. Williams (7)
TRINITY ROSE 5-11-5 .... W. Humphreys (7)
SMART TAR 4-11-2 .... Mr M. Wilkinson (7)
WRONG SIGHTED 4-11-2 .... Mr L. Harvey (7)
BESWICK PAPER LADY 4-10-11 .... C. Bell (7)
GWYTHIAN 4-10-11 .. N. Pain (7)
MRS MUCK 4-10-11 .... Mrs S. Twiston-Davies (7)
OLLYS-FIDDLE 4-10-11 .... —
PETITE MIRAGE 4-10-11 .... M. Besley (7)
STAGBOROUGH LADY 4-10-11 .... —
Betting forecast: 15-8 Wrong Righted, 9-2 Flying Lesson, 5 Paddy Buskins.

RESULTS

LIVERPOOL

2.0 (2m Ch): 1, PAN ARTIC, Philip Hobbs (100-1); 2, Itsgottabealright (100-30 fav); 3, Admiral's Cup (4-1). Also: 9-2 Karenomore 6th, 7 *Tara pu*, 9 *The Foodbroker 4th*, St William 5th, 14 Golden Fancy pu, 16 Our Fun f, 100 Nancys Boy pu. (10 ran). 3l, 7, nk, 15, 1. (T. Bill). Tote: £61.73; £7.90, £1.20, £1.40. Dual F: £324.60. CSF: £348.88.

2.35 (3m 1f Ch): 1, GREEN BRAMBLE, S. Smith Eccles (5-2 fav); 2, W Six Times (12-1); 3, Fred Pillinar (20-1). Also: 4 Acarine 5th, 11-2 Everett pu, 10 Final Argument, 12 Blue Reef pu, 14 Great Head Boy 4th, Lean Ar Aghaidh 6th, Royal Bond pu, 50 Sea Splash. (11 ran). 7l, 8, 1½, 2, 7. (N. Henderson). Tote: £3.90; £2.20, £2.70, £3.00. Dual F: £33.80. CSF: £28.85. Tricast: £442.16.

3.10 (2m Hdle): 1, HUMBERSIDE LADY, M. Dwyer (15-2); 2, Nohalmdun (11-2); 3, Against The Grain (8-1). Also: 9-2 fav Young Nicholas, 6 Wing And A Prayer, 9 Derryvale 5th, 12 Rough Stones, 14 Ace Of Spies, Meningi, Quickstep 6th, 20 Shangeseer, 22 Music Wonder 4th, 33 Newmarket Sausage, Whiskey Eyes ur, 100 Tartan Tailor pu. (15 ran). 3l, 4, 2, 10, 1½. (G. Huffer). Tote: £13.20; £3.30, £1.60, £3.10. Dual F: £36.20. CSF: £45.82.

3.45 (2¾m Ch): 1, CITY BOY, Mr T. Thomson Jones (4-1); 2, Golden Ty (3-1 fav); 3, Freddie Bee (11-1). Also: 11-2 Elliogarty f, 10 Peace Clash 4th, 12 Lone Soldier 6th, Ross Poldark f, 13 Smiling Sam, 14 Staccato, 20 Highway Dual f, 25 Wise Lady f, 33 Wise Lady f, 33 Bueche Glorod 5th, Flagstaff bd, Martinstown f, Premier Mal, Reliable Robert f, Wang The Miller, Yale ref. (18 ran). 6l, 2, 1½, 12, 2½. (Mrs J. Mann). Tote: £4.30; £1.50, £1.70, £3.00. Dual F: £4.00. CSF: £16.08.
Peace Clash finished 2nd to City Boy, with Golden Ty 3rd and Freddie Bee 4th. After stewards' inquiry, Peace Clash disqualified and placed 4th, Golden Ty placed 2nd and Freddie Bee 3rd.

4.20 (2m Hdle): 1, CATS EYES, P. Leach (10-1); 2, Mzihano (12-1); 3, Hand Dr (7-1); 4, Just Alick (12-1). Also: 4 fav Winter Measure, 8 Music Be Magic, 9 Lucky Rascal, 11 Ragged Robin pu, 12 Jonlani, Terryash, 16 Welsh Oak, 20 Dixton House, Majuba Road, 33 Fergy Foster, Green Gorse, 50 Amadis 5th, Valley Justice 6th. (17 ran). 2l, 3, 1, 2½, 1. (M. Pipe). Tote: £10.60; £2.20, £1.40, £1.60, £4.70. Dual F: £45.60. CSF: £115.54. Tricast: £823.00.

4.50 (2½m Ch): 1, CARPENTER'S WAY, C. Grant (14-1); 2, Stray Shot (16-1); 3, The Last *Prince* (9-2 fav); 4, Mama Reef (16-1). Also: 6 Rajmenator, 13-2 Connaught River pu, 9 Numerate, Wily Yeoman f 10 Duesenberg ur, 12 Johns Present 6th, 14 Overway, Small Run 5th, 16 Durham Edition ur, 20 Binge, 25 Killeger Kim, Deen Ridge. (16 ran). 4l, 3, 8, 24. (Denys Smith). Tote: £29.70; £4.60, £6.60, £1.50, £6.10. Dual F: £78.00. CSF: £208.43. Tricast: £1,074.03.

PLACEPOT: £90.80. Jackpot not won (£4,088.65 carried forward). Single winner bonus not won (£3,569.19 carried forward).

DEVON

2.15 (2m 1f Hdle): 1, THE UNDERGRADUATE, K. Frost (33-1); 2, The Tarlabs (2-1); 3, *Golden Glitter* (4-5 fav). 18 ran (C. Trietline). Tote: £44.40; £9.80, £1.20, £2.20. Dual F: £52.60. CSF: £110.32.

2.50 (2m 3f Ch): 1, BURN HOOKA, Mr C. Newport (5-1); 2, Master Straight (14-1); 3, High Class Agent (16-1). Dawn Street 6-4 fav. 13 ran (W. Kemp). Tote: £6.80; £1.90, £5.80, £3.80. Dual F: £192.20. CSF: £69.60.

3.25 (3m 1f Ch): 1, ARCTIC WARBLER, Mr S. Sherwood (4-1); 2, Tanker (7-4 fav); 3, Sidbury Hill (5-1). 16 ran. (O. Sherwood). Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £1.70, £1.10. Dual F: £7.00. CSF: £11.80.

4.0 (2m 1f Hdle): 1, BELLEKINO, J. Frost (8-1); 2, Brandeaux Breeze (20-1); 3, Mac's or Wise (4-1). Esker House 2-1 fav. 9 ran (R. Frost). Tote: £9.70; £1.90, £20.30, £1.10. Dual F: £150.00. CSF: £132.04.

4.35 (2m 1f Hdle): 1, BLUELIMIT, R. Arnott (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Brigena (20-1); 3, Midnight Madness (10-1). 3 jt-fav Normal Friday. 17 ran (D. Elsworth). Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £7.20, £5.80. Dual F: £189.90. CSF: £74.11. NR: Shiner's Pal.

5.05 (3m 1f Ch): 1, DICKY BLOB, Mr S. Long (6-4 fav); 2, Colm Port (12-1); 3, Phil Grey (7-2). 8 ran (J. Nicholls). Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.90, £2.10. Dual F: £10.50. CSF: £19.64. NR: Never Deemed.

PLACEPOT: £11.60.

CHESS

Leonard Barden

THE 1983 super-grandmaster tournament at Linares, Spain, *proved to* have political as well as chessic significance. Boris Spassky won ahead of world champion Karpov, an act of lese-majeste which irked the USSR authorities and soured *relations* between them and their self-exiled former world champion. Little over a year later, Spassky finally renounced Soviet citizenship and played for France in the *Salonica olympics*.

Encouraged by the high profile reaction to their last event, the Linares 1985 organisers aimed for another super-GM celebrity field. They invited *Karpov, Korchnoi, and Spassky* with an average rating at the rare category 15 (over 2600) level. Then Karpov pulled out at a day's notice: the Russians offered the second line GM Makarichev (another Karpov buddy) instead but the organisers preferred to substitute Adorjan of Hungary.

In an evenly contested tournament, the entire field was covered by 3½ points: *Hubner* (West Germany) and Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) 7/11. Korchnoi and Portisch 6½. Spassky 6. Miles, Polugaevsky, and Timman 5½. Rivas 5. Christiansen and Vaganian 4. Adorjan 3½. The big surprise was the excellent score of Rivas, invited to give the host nation a representative and well outclassed on previous form.

Korchnoi led early, then the eventual co-winners took over in the middle rounds. Tony Miles looked like coming higher, but lost to Korchnoi in *the only decisive game of the* final round. Timman, the world no 3, and the two Soviets Polugaevsky and Vaganian had indifferent results. The overall impression is that victory among these established super GMs depends on fluctuating day-to-day form.

Apart from Karpov and Kasparov, none of the current top *men is consistent enough* to rise above the 2630-2650 rating level so that the unofficial title of *fastest chess gun in the West* remains vacant. All of which is good news for Nigel Short, *playing to 2580-2590 strength* at the age of 19 and growing in credibility as *a potential world* no 3.

Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia)-Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland) French Defence (Linares 1985)
No. 1849

1 P-K4 P-K3	2 P-Q4 P-Q4
3 N-QB3 B-N5	4 P-K5 P-QB4
5 P-QR3 BxN ch	6 PxB N-K2
7 Q-N4 0-0	8 N-B3 QN-B3

The principal variation is 7... Q-B2 8 QxNP R-KN1 9 QxRP PxP with complex play. Korchnoi knows this main line well, but is often ready to adopt slightly inferior moves such as 7... 0-0.

9 B-Q3 P-B4	*10 PxP ep RxP*
11 B-KN5 R-B2	12 Q-R5! P-KN3

Usual is 12 Q-R4 P-KR3, but 12 Q-R5 looks a significant improvement. If now 12... P-KR3 13 B-R4 threatens 14 B-R7 ch K-B1 15 B-N6.

13 Q-R4 P-B5	14 B-K2 Q-R4
15 B-Q2 N-B4	16 Q-N5 B-Q2
17 P-N4 N-Q3	18 P-KR4 N-K5
19 Q-K3 QR-KB1	20 P-R5 PxP

*Korchnoi's position is criti*cal, under pressure on the weakened dark squares and along the KR file. But White's threats are not yet decisive (RPxP and Q-R6 can be met by R-KN2) so 20... P-K4!? may be a better chance.

21 RxP R-N2	22 N-N5 B-K1
23 NxKP BxR	24 NxR (N7) B-N3
25 N-B5 Q-B2	26 0-0-0 Q-R4
27 K-N2 R-B3	28 B-B3 N-K4
29 BxN PxB	30 PxN R-N3 ch

The point of Korchnoi's counter. He now wins the queen, but White has seen further and his active rook, *knight and pawn more than* compensate.

31 K-B2 Q-N4	32 QxR PxQ
33 B-B4 Q-R5	34 R-Q8 ch K-B2
35 N-Q4 P-K6	36 P-K6 ch K-B3
37 PxP BxP.	38 R-B8 ch K-K2
39 R-B7 ch K-K1	40 B-Q6 B-N3 ch
41 K-N2	
Resigns	

Avoiding Black's last cheapo: 41 KxB? Q-Q8 ch 42 K-N2 *Q-Q7 ch 43 N-B2? QxB*. There is always some needle in the games between these two GMs since an incident at Bath in 1973 when Lubo claimed a draw by *threefold* repetition but Korchnoi proved it wasn't the same player to move each time.



White (to play) has two rooks for two knights and a pawn. Should he continue (a) 1 R-R5, removing his rook from attack (b) 1 RxP ch, *aiming for a draw* by elimination of all Black's pawns (c) another move, or is (d) White lost whatever he does?

Solution No. 1848: White K at QN2, R at QB3, N at K5, Ps at QB2, Q4, KN6. Black K at QN2, R at KR1, N at Q3, Ps at QN3, QB3, Q4. White to win.

1 NxP N-K5(if N-B5 ch 2 RxN and 3 N-K7) 2 N-K7 NxR 3 P-N7 N-R5 ch 4 K-N3 R-R1 5 P-N8(Q) RxQ 6 *Nxr P-N4 7 N-K7! N-N3 8* K-N4 K-R3 9 K-B5 and White will win with his QP.

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DIARY

Easter at the sharp end

Molesworth

THERE was a bizarre scene yesterday outside one of the gates of Molesworth cruise missile base. A young Royal Engineer replacing a section of fencing nearly stepped on the inch-high green shoots of some daffodils when he was shouted at by Jennefer Hartley, a Quaker, who lives in a caravan there.

"Mind the plants!" she called — she is a forceful woman.

"Oh, sorry," the soldier mumbled, as if his mother had just ticked him off. Carefully he arranged the roll of razor wire so as not to damage the daffodils planted in a circle near their shelter by the protesters, in ten days' time, the blooms will open amongst the sharpened coils, causing many photographs to be taken.

But then Molesworth has become a bizarre place as thousands of CND members are likely to find on the Easter demonstrations next weekend. As you breast some of the little surrounding hills, the high security fence sits there on the horizon like the East German border. First there are piled rolls of barbed wire; then a muddy road; then the close mesh nine foot fence, topped by a roll of razor wire. Twenty yards inside the fence are the floodlights and occasional watchtowers. Every second vehicle on local roads belongs to the police or military, and at road junctions and base gates, officers in scruffy shelters huddled beside coal braziers, like a reversed image of the miners' strike.

Down an ancient drovers' road, beyond a black anarchists' flag flying from a rusty piece of farm machinery, there is the People's Peace Camp, a collection of half a dozen patched-up caravans. Inside the big yellow one, a young bearded man in a boiler suit expounds his philosophy while a laughing girl of about five is given a stand up bath in a washing-up bowl. It is a philosophy which makes you feel the world is so tainted that the only decent thing to do is to die immediately.

A lot of people say they don't want cruise, but they've got a comfortable life and don't want to actually come here and just get rid of it . . . "You can't get rid of nuclear weapons without getting rid of capitalism and state socialism, which don't work for human beings, animals or the environment . . .

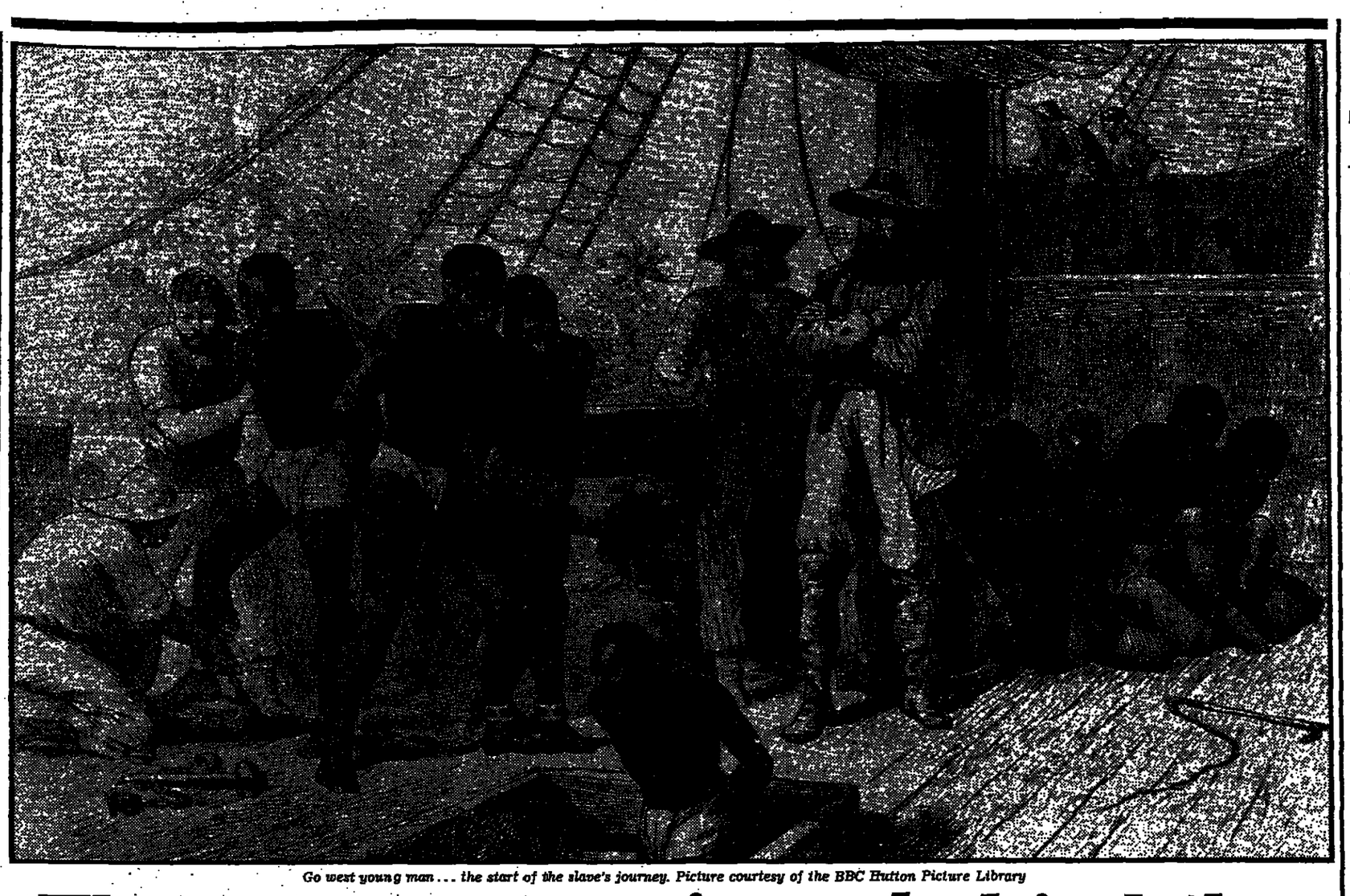
In the old school house in Clopton, Tim and Bridie Wallis have so far received £9,000 towards their "Week for Eritrea" fund, a replacement for the crop destroyed when the "Rainbow Village" was evicted by Michael Heseltine, two months ago. They've gathered so many donations of grain and lentils that the house is now threatened by rats. There are posters advising visitors how to spend their time — take home a piece of fence, or send it to Ronald Reagan; confuse the soldiers and police by giving the three blows on a whistle which indicate the fence has been breached; change RAF signs to read USAF.

Also in Clopton is the Red Lion, run by the Ford family, which founded Ratepayers Against Molesworth Settlements. A Union flag is draped over the front of the pub and a "No Peace Campers" sign is nailed to the door.

The tensions in this community over the protesters can rarely be avoided. A large saloon skidded to a halt yesterday outside the village shop in Old Weston, and a well-heeled woman — probably a fairly typical local inhabitant — rushed over and stared at the CND circular about Easter parking arrangements on the parish notice board. "Who put that up?" she asked indignantly, and disappeared into the Swan ("We don't serve demonstrators") to find out.

In Molesworth village there is a terse little notice hung on a road sign which has evidently had the CND symbol sprayed on and removed from it several times: "Please do not destroy our village while you protest." Even the anarchists are worried about CND types from the towns trampling over farmers' crops. The first gravestone in St Swithin's churchyard in Old Weston, is topped by carved flowers and the word "Peace" in larger letters, but it is a sword over which country society and the anti-nuclear movement are having a profound disagreement.

Stephen Cook



Go west young man . . . the start of the slave's journey. Picture courtesy of the BBC Hutton Picture Library

The seaway to misery behind the guns of Navarone



Terry Coleman

THE ISLAND of Gorée lies two miles off the coast of Dakar, Senegal. From that island, from the early sixteenth century until the end of the eighteenth, an unknown number of blacks was shipped from West Africa to the West Indies and North America. On Gorée there is preserved, more or less intact, a building known as the Maison des Esclaves.

As the slave trade goes, it is a modern building. It was probably erected as late as 1763. It is built of stone, some of it painted a rusty red, and has a classical look about it. It could be Roman, or it could be any one of thousands of French or Italian country villas built, until very recent history, on the same pattern.

At the *front*, a double staircase curves up from a courtyard to the grand rooms of the first floor. The ground floor was used to house slaves, who had been brought to Gorée from the vast West African hinterland. On the ground floor there is a door *from* which these prisoners are said by tradition to have left the house. It looks straight out on to the open sea.

After a recent visit to see the droughts and deserts of Mali, which lie a thousand miles inland from the coast, I came back to see Gorée, for three reasons.

First, in the mind of any Englishman who ever read a bit of law, there lies some recollection of the ringing judgment in Somersett's case. Somersett was a slave who in 1772 stepped from his master's ship in London docks and refused to go back. His master demanded his return. Lord Mansfield, the Lord Chief Justice, said, "*As soon as any slave sets* foot upon English territory he becomes free . . . . Let the black go free."

Second, quite by chance I happen to live in London in a terrace of old houses at Clapham whose previous occupants have included at one time or another Graham Greene, Lord Macaulay, and William Wilberforce who, in 1807, and at his seventh attempt, saw carried into law his bill for the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire. Some freed slaves were indeed later brought to Clapham, but the climate proved too much for them.

And, third, I remember many years ago a meeting with Leopold Sédar Senghor, then president of Senegal. From the presidential palace in Dakar you have a view of the island, and I asked him what ran through his mind when he looked out at Gorée. He said: "It is a kind of shock, and then I have to make an effort not to hate white men. It's always painful for me. I have a villa on Gorée, a presidential villa, but I almost never go there because it makes me ill."

It was something in the spirit of the place? "Yes, yes. I'm not calm enough there to be able to work." He said the backwardness of Africa came from slavery. He said that, over four centuries, 20 million blacks were shipped away, but that for every one that was taken, ten more died. It had been a terrible bloodletting.

Some historians dispute these figures, thinking them too high. And Basil Davidson, an historian sympathetic to the African case, argues in his Africa In History that the apparent depopulation of Africa through slavery was no greater than that effected by voluntary emigration from southern Italy, Ireland, or England itself. He does however point out that where slaving struck a weak African country it left an empty land, and that in such a case the right comparison is with the forced clearances of the Scottish Highlands, from which the Highlands have never recovered.



La Maison des Esclaves, corée

The slave trade was not European in origin. I recall some years ago, at a summit of the Organisation of African Unity, in Uganda of all places, how the representatives of the black African states plainly did not like the Arabs. This is to put it mildly. I tried to find out why. Some of the dislike could be put down to natural resentment of the Arabs' sudden rise to huge wealth from the sale of oil. But I was several times told that the blacks had never forgotten that it was the Arabs who had been the first slavers, and that the first slave routes were not trans-Atlantic but trans-Saharan.

But it was under the Europeans that the slave trade grew, most of all with the discovery of North America and the West Indies, where, the indigenous Indians being soon exhausted, the Spanish and Portuguese introduced African slave labour. The Dutch, the French, and the British later joined in.

It was a triangular trade. It is true that the ports of, say, Nantes, Bristol, and Liverpool grew rich with the slave trade. In Liverpool, a Georgée piazza exists to this day. But those cities rarely saw a slave. What happened was that goods were taken out from Europe to the slave coasts of West Africa to be bartered for blacks, who were sometimes the subjects and sometimes the prisoners of the black kings who sold them to the ships' masters. The blacks thus assembled were then transported from West Africa to the Americas, where they were sold: this was the infamous Middle Passage across the Atlantic. The slaves having been sold there, the ships returned home to Europe loaded with sugar, rum, tobacco, and cotton.

Among Africans, the Yoruba and the Wolof were greatly esteemed, the Yoruba particularly as fine breeders. A good slave was aged 15 to 25, in good health, and with all his teeth. The price was commonly an ounce, that is the value of an ounce of gold made up of pots and pans, woven cottons, and, above all, guns and ammunition.

Now, cheat as the ships' masters might, and as they did, an ounce was still a substantial price, so a question straightway arises about the conditions of the Middle Passage. It is easy to look at the classic diagram of a slaver, shown in plan, with the blacks stowed in rows. No one in his right mind will argue that the traffic itself was not inhumane, but, as to the conditions, it is unlikely they were much worse than on board a man o' war of the time, or aboard an emigrant ship of the mid-nineteenth century.

The sea captains and merchants were in business. It was their infamy, if you like, that they were in the business of slaves. But, business it was, and they were in it for profit. Interest does not lie. A man does not knowingly act so as to impoverish himself, of to decrease his gains. In this respect slaves, as cargo, had an advantage over emigrants. The emigrants had already paid their fares, and if a man died on the way that would be one less mouth to feed. A slave's only value lay in his arrival alive and in a saleable state. A slave who died would have at least one sincere mourner, the man who had lost money thereby.

But the fact of the trade speaks loud for itself. Mena and women were sold down the river by their own people, and the rivers down which they were sold were at first the Gambia and the Senegal. By late in the eighteenth and early in the nineteenth, Gorée had long lost its preeminence.

Gorée is only two thirds of a mile long, and half that across, but it is the symbol, perhaps because it is at the farmost western point of the continent of Africa. It derives its name from the Dutch Goed Reed, which means no more than good roadstead, safe anchorage. Today it is not even that. the nineteenth century port of Dakar, the second largest Atlantic port in Africa after Cape Town, has taken over all trade. Gorée is now a holidaymaker's excursion from Dakar, and the island is half derelict. All the touts want to show you as you step off the ferry is the place where Hollywood filmed The Guns of Navarone.

There are enough guns littered around, which you would have expected some scrap metal merchant to get his hands on. There have probably been guns here since guns were invented. In its time the island has changed hands 15 times. There is a fort one end of the island with cannons that must date from the eighteenth century, and another fort at the other end which still mounts a pair of 12-inch naval guns, no doubt those that helped see off the British attack of 1940 on what was then Vichy-held Dakar, and probably the same ones later connected with Gregory Peck.

There is supposed to be in course of erection a monument to those who suffered from the slave trade, but I could find nothing of this. The island has been designated one of the great places of the world to be preserved, but it is sad that this designation should have been made by Unesco, which is better at spending money on endless administration on its Paris headquarters than on anything more gainful. The only conspicuous work going on was the conversion of the old governor's residence into a tourist hotel. The rest is neglect.

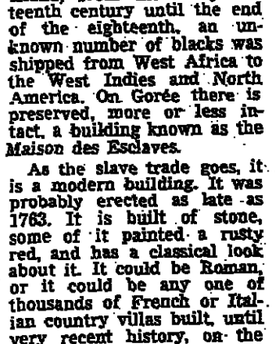
But the slave house remains. The thick walls of its rooms are covered in handwritten posters bearing texts and messages. I shall quote three:

"When an old African dies, a book burns."

"If only these walls could speak."

There is also one poster which lists the years in which slavery was abolished in various parts of the world — Chile in 1786, Denmark in 1792, England in 1807, Holland in 1863, the United States in 1863, and Mauretania (that country which is Senegal's immediate northern neighbour), only in 1981.

As another poster reminds the visitor, a people's memory is its strength. If that is so, it's sad that the predominant local memory seems to be of the making of The Guns Of Navarone. But I think that, for anyone who goes there, the principal memory, the sight that stays in the mind, will be that of the door which leads from the slaves' quarters straight out on to the open sea.



ENDPIECE

Roy Hattersley

FOR several weeks I have tried without success to find a Fleet Street editor sufficiently whimsical to commission an article on Terry Street in Kingston-upon-Hull. My idea was not suitable for Endpiece. For I hoped that my words would be accompanied by pitures — either falsely faded black and white invocations of Victorian England or garish colour magazine cliches which contrasted the sparkle of the street's inhabitants with the grey drabness of their surroundings.

My romantic notions about this unfashionable postal address came from the belated discovery of Douglas Dunn — a native born Scotsman who had the good sense to move to the East Riding of Yorkshire. There is something in the salty fish dock air of Hull which provokes poetry, and it encouraged Mr Dunn to produce a whole volume of verse entitled Terry Street.

One of the poems describes a family in process of moving house. Most of the goods piled on the "squeaking cart" were no more than chattels — "the usual stuff" A mattress, bed ends, cups, carpets, chairs. "Four paperback westerns." But amongst them one proud possession stood out in incongruous glory.

It was not exceptional in itself. In half of the semi-detached villas of suburban villas of suburban England, the occupiers own some sort of mechanical contraption for cutting the back lawn. But the circumstances of the sighting made the moment more than memorable. It inspired a line of astringently unsentimental affection ... sympathy in the most noble meaning of that word ... for the man who was "pushing of all things a lawnmower."

"There is no grass in Terry Street. The worms come up cracks in concrete yards at midnight. That man, I wish him well. I wish him grass."

Dull could he be of soul who, after reading that last line, did not want to visit Terry Street.

I had a particular reason for wanting to make the pilgrimage. For three years I lodged in the Terry Street of my imagination, a terrace of dirty brick houses with little bay windows that shine within inches of the pavement and, at the bottom of the yard — next to the creaking wooden gate — a sentry box shaped lavatory which was so dark and cold in winter that it was impossible to read the Hull Daily Mail in comfort.

I must have pushed my bicycle through that broken gate a thousand times and leaned it against the wall of the sloped-roof kitchen that jutted out into the yard from the living room. I know — or imagine that I know — the straight, steep stairs of Terry Street and the sash-windowed front bedrooms which look straight into identical bedrooms on the other side of the narrow road.

During my first week in that front bedroom I looked out in innocent horror at the embroidered text which hung over the bed in the opposite house. It appeared to read "Not Now" — a strangely flippant view of marital restraint to be so blatantly displayed by a family which, I had been warned, were of the pious, non-conformist persuasion. After weeks of theological rumination, the truth was suddenly revealed to me. The motto read, "No cross. No crown." But some prim Victorian miss had stitched pictures of both the sacrifice and the reward rather than spell them out in letters.

So I had no doubt what Terry Street looked like. But in order to convince sceptical editors of the human interest in my story, I arranged a reconnoitre. The granddaughter of the family with whom I used to lodge is temporarily back in Hull. And I offered her a modest fee for finding Terry Street and confirming that it was not the figment of Mr Dunn's poetic licence, but that it stood in the modern world as a memorial to a lost world.

For some weeks the research was left undone. For my pathfinder seemed perversely to believe that pursuing her under-graduate studies was more important than cutting a track through the local undergrowth for me. Indeed, she returned my cheque with an apology for her inability to complete the task on time.

Her father and I were horrified. For we both agreed that during our student days in Hull we would have probably done the work and certainly kept the money. Perhaps our disapproval travelled North by ESP Whatever the reason, last week, she found and visited Terry Street

She was enthusiastic about an antiquated railway station which, we decided after much deliberation, must have been a staging post on the route from central Hull to Beverley. But that was not in Terry Street itself. In Terry Street there was a modern office block of little architectural distinction and, of all things, grass. Terry Street has, in the jargon of town planners, been cleared.

The "old women" who — in another of Douglas Dunn's poems — "want to live here forever" have died or been rehoused.

Perhaps they hoped for *Immortality. Or they may* have only hoped to stay content within "the shapeless street, a bad address." Either way, they have gone — "mocking the sanitary inspectors, bypassing housing lists."

Somewhere — buried under what used to be concrete and is now, apparently, grass — there is a moral Douglas Dunn's wishes for the man with the lawnmower have probably been realised in a clean corporation house with a garden of its own. Pessimists and cynics will say that he has been rehoused in a fifteenth storey tower block, forgetting that it is the policy of progressive councils to allocate families with sons ("whose mischief we were glad to see removed") family houses. I hope he is happy there.

And I hope that some Hull poet will write about life on the new housing estate. However, London's unwhimsical editors can relax. I shall not pester them about commissioning an article describing the all mod cons which inspired a book of modern poetry.

WALTER SCHWARZ listens to a planning debate

Temple bar?

"This 'appens to be England," said a Cockney voice at the back. The residents' meeting agreed, with considerable emphasis, when it voted 350 to four against having a Swaminarayan Hindu temple complex in a corner of a Wembley park.

The Tory councillors present were sympathetic, or at least diplomatic: they were loudly and rudely accused of complicity with the Hindus. If there had not been nods and winks, why would the sect have bought its 4.5 acre site from Harrow school?

The Labour councillor was frankly against the project on traffic grounds. "But it's going to go through all the same, you'll see," a woman with a posher accent said at the end.

The fast-expanding Swaminarayan mission is awaiting planning permission for its new temple. In addition to the 4.5 acres it bought from Harrow school, it wants Brent Council to release 2.5 acres of public parkland. The public meeting was for residents at the nearby Sudbury Court Estate — who were appalled at the prospect.

"We're only one estate in the whole of Brent: the council has always thought of us as a favoured area so everything always gets foisted on us," the woman said.

Early on the undertones boded ill for Indo-European relations in North Wembley. "We don't want a Southall here," the Cockney voice had yelled, after the meeting heard that the proposed prayer hall would have 1,600 worshippers on Saturdays — the day Wembley football crowds already created havoc, and on 12 Hindu festivals a year.

"Why should one religious community have public land that belongs to us all," a resident asked rhetorically, getting applause. "It's racialism in reverse. Racialism against the whites."

A brave man in a spotless white turban had come all the way from Croydon to point out that the 60,000 Hindus of Brent were entitled to their place of worship like other religions.

"We are asking for non-violence and teaching our children non-violence. The other communities should do the same." He was drowned out with rhythmic handclapping — not because he was a non-Christian, but because he was not a local resident, a foreigner from Croydon.

The Asians turned the other cheek in true Christian manner. The Swaminarayans' chairman, using civil service English in the way only Indians can, said: "We wish for your cooperation in this matter." He added for further information that he was the ear-nose-throat specialist at Wembley Hospital.

In the corner, a knot of young Hindus stood in silent support of their temple, neither speaking nor voting. their presence was a reminder that North Wembley does not, after all, seethe with racialism.

"The people coming to pray at this temple are people who do not smoke. They do not drink," pleaded the temple secretary. "That's not the point," thundered the meeting.

In the end the point was not racialism: the local Asians are simply too inoffensive to invite it. Part of the point was traffic congestion which the temple might transform from nuisance to nightmare. Part is the loss of the park.

But the temple project evokes deeper frustrations: loss of cultural identity, loss of control over complex political machinery, the feeling of being fobbed off awith smiling concillors who appeared to have sold the pass already.

"Even if the council finally votes against the temple, the matter will go to the GLC, and you know what they're like. Or to the Minister — and then we'll get the temple for sure" a woman said.

Frustrating, too, are the bland assurances in the architect's glossy plans, showing a site composed only of a temple and trees. The architect bravely appeared in person, to confess that much of what was trees on the drawing will in fact be a car park for 350 vehicles.

He promised, with truly professional slip, that "We will build many more trees than we shall unfortunately have to remove."

But where would the rest of the 1,600 worshippers park? The architect said, amid hoots of derision, that in his profession it was "normal to calculate four people for every car."

What nods and winks have been made? The councillors insisted there had been none, but nobody believed them. Much of the drama has been played already, in Channel 2's recent series Blott on the Landscape, about machinations around a motorway scheme and the Ministry's devious troubleshooter, Dundridge.

If North Wembley only had a Dundridge he could amalgamate Harrow school, Wembley Stadium and the Swaminarayan temple site. If he is to please the residents, he will relocate the entire complex in the outer Hebrides.

THIRD COLUMN

"NO-ONE HERE really expects Nicaragua to invade us," Costa Rica's Minister of Information, Armando Vargas, said cheerfully the other day. "And nobody in Honduras does either," said Manuel Gamero, the editor-in-chief of Tiempo, one of that country's main newspapers.

The two men's comments, made at a conference for European and Central American journalists in San Jose, went directly against the United States' government line. Repeated in numerous statements in the hope that people will eventually come to believe it, the line is that in putting pressure on the Sandinistas, Washington is kindly helping to defend their anxious neighbours.

So was the Costa Rican Information Minister uninformed? Had the Honduran newspaper editor missed the news? Or were both men more closely in touch with reality than the United States government would have us think?

If a free press is one which is not subject to government influence, then Nicaragua indeed has the least free press in the isthmus. But if a free press is one in which readers can find a variety of opinions, then Nicaragua is alone with Honduras in providing some sort of range of differing views. El Salvador has three daily newspapers, only one of which, El Mundo, ever reports the statements of human rights organisations, and none covers the guerrillas' point of view.

On radio there is the same pervasive bias. El Salvador's only independent radio station, owned by the church, Radio YSAX, was closed for several months after a bomb attack. In Guatemala the media are equally monolithic while in Honduras a single private company owns both television channels and the largest national radio network. Mr Gamero's Tiempo is the only one of the four national newspapers which attempts to report the Nicaraguan case from time to time by, for example, printing interviews with President Daniel Ortega.

In Costa Rica, which prides itself on being a liberal democracy, all three daily newspapers are owned by companies whose major interests are in cultivating and exporting the country's major cash crops. Their views are hard-line anti-Left and they do not even report fairly on the centrist policies of the present government. A fourth daily, El Debate, which started in 1983 was squeezed out deliberately by advertisers and soon folded. Three of the main radio stations take the US government's Voice of America daily "news bulletin."

Nicaragua is unique in Central America in having in La Prensa a major daily newspaper which gives a radically different point of view from that of the other two papers on offer, which both support the Sandinistas. The Nicaraguan press spectrum thus covers a wide swathe whereas elsewhere in the isthmus there is no major paper which could even be described as a supporter of non-alignment, let alone of Socialist views.

The constant drip-drip of one-sided information which this right-wing domination of Central America's mass media provides is a major asset for the United States. Inevitably it affects people's thinking. In order to gauge the result, the United States Information Agency conducts regular public opinion polls among what it calls the "more educated urban populations" of Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Honduras. The results are then sent to US embassies throughout Latin America and Western Europe.

The sample is taken from a minority which is already predisposed to the US point of view and most subject to US influence. But the findings are projected as though they are widely representative. From the way the region's mass media and the Reagan Administration talk you would not know that anyone dissents.

Jonathan Steele





Former president Alhaji Shehu Shagari: "fooled the West" (above); Wole Soyinka (right); Nelson Mandela: "a resounding No in the teeth of apartheid"

Wole Soyinka berates the African leaders who have cast the shadow of Nkomati over the continent

The traitors' plea to be recolonised

1 AM two years late for this engagement, but it hardly matters: the news is still the same — nought for our comfort. We live in the era of Nkomati, and no matter what minor variations we receive from time to time in the medical bulletin, Nkomati remains alive and well. Perhaps in future years the black children of Southern Africa will justify any psychosocial disorders by claiming that they were born under the Nkomati star.

The Nkomati syndrome will take its place in the medical dictionary to explain certain forms of aberrant conduct in African leadership. After all, a veteran member of the medical profession, Professor Lambo, who is also the deputy director of the World Health Organisation, did propose, a year or two ago, that African leaders should be subjected to psychiatric examination at least once every five years — something like that anyway. An experienced doctor in such a position, who interacts regularly with the power-wielders of the world, must have observed something, something we, as laymen, do not know.

What we do know however, and experience in our socio-political milieu, is the failure of political will throughout the continent. No one can disagree with President Nyerere's insistence that the failure which Nkomati represents is a failure, not of the signatory states but of the entire continent.

I go even further and insist that this failure will continue as long as African and black leadership continues to exhaust its limited fund of political will on creating internal structures of oppression against their own peoples, thereby isolating them from that communal endeavour which should reinforce them, at moments of crisis, in their undertakings against our common external enemies. To remain blind to this basic fact is to reveal total alienation from the organic forces which give a coherent identity to a people as a people.

Such leaders exist only as members of a select, secretive club, gathering from time to time to make deals above the heads of the people whom they claim to represent.

We know whose gun-ship helicopters, whose ubiquitous marines snuffed out the lamp of self-determination in Grenada, but what do we say of the consortium of black leaders who spread out the mat of invitation to Ronald Reagan? Who were these shameless so-called leaders who sent out the SOS which read: "Recolonise us, please!" We know whose agency manufactured the dastardly instrument which terminated the career of Walter Rodney, but whose was the face beneath the reactionary mask which nodded in the Brigades, signed Rodney's death warrant, and emasculated his workers' movement?

As for the mother continent, it is pockmarked with vicious replications of apartheid structures, with the full machinery of arbitrary arrests and imprisonments, torture, "disappearances," displacement and dispossession, and ingenious forms of dehumanisation which appear at times to strive to outdo one another across national boundaries. Is it any wonder that, gleefully observing these anomalies of black existence, the Ronald Reagans of the Western world continue to tip the wink at Pik Botha, who thereupon is emboldened to carry on business as usual?

Our literature must not fail to reflect the treachery of such alienators even as our people struggle on the actual terrain to reject them, enduring hideous mutilations, dying heroic but unnecessary deaths, experiencing the despair of seeing their victory over one fascistic imposition hijacked by yet another fascist opportunist, only ten times worse. The crumbs of solace which come our way need also to be elevated to legendary status to counter these agents of our pessimism — thus, even as we mourn Nkomati, we must celebrate Mandela. If we don't, the opportunist leeches, those discredited leaders, will claim him for their own. They will rhetoricise with his name, they will mouth his courage, name the odd street or two after him, then promptly forget the meaning, the challenge of his superhuman gesture.

And it is a frightening . . . no, not gesture but act. It is a replete combative act on its own, the summation of that same revolutionary will that began over two decades ago when a group of committed nationalists decided that the word no longer sufficed, and took to other weapons. In these dark days of Nkomati, let us at least be thankful and humbled by Nelson Mandela's giant fist thrust out beyond Robben Island to smash a loud resounding "NO" in the teeth of apartheid.

Together with other heroes like Steve Biko, Walter Rodney, Maurice Bishop and Malcolm X, around whom the festival has been organised, they remind us, confined or at liberty, living or dead, that the imperatives of struggle reach out beyond prison fortresses and beyond the grave.

This is part of Wole Soyinka's speech when he opened the 4th International Black Book Fair.



Salient events in Nigeria since 1975.

July, 1975, Gen. Yakubu Gowon deposed in bloodless coup. Brig. Murtala Muhammed becomes head of state.
February, 1976: Muhammed assassinated in attempted coup.
February, 1976: Gen. Obasanjo becomes head of state.
August, 1979: Alhaji Shehu Shagari declared winner in presidential elections and (October) Obananjo hands over.
August, 1983: Shagari declared re-elected president.
December, 1983: Gen. Buhari takes power in military coup.

The playwright turns film-maker

Michael Simmons meets a Nigerian with a message for his countrymen

WOLE SOYINKA'S acute concern for his country, Nigeria, and his flair for drama remain undiminished. Twenty years ago the trouble was that he had allegedly forced Radio Nigeria at gunpoint to broadcast an anti-government statement in place of one by an establishment chief. But it wasn't quite as the prosecution said, and he was acquitted on all counts.

Today, it is a film he has just made, severely critical of the Shagari years. As hundreds turned up at the National Theatre in Lagos for the premiere the other day, security officers stepped in and took the reel. Blues For A Prodigal, as it is called, depicts real events, and specifically the violent attempts to indoctrinate a naive young student. It amounts to an unambiguous indictment of what Soyinka now calls "the crude hammer-blow fascists and the looters" who made up the Shagari administration. "Make no mistake," he says now, "under Shagari, it was civil war."

Clearly, he disapproves heartily, but of necessity guardedly, of the military regime of General Buhari which selzed power in the coup of New Year's Eve, 1983. But he fails to understand the seizing of his film. "Taking it," he said in an interview in London this week, "is a kind of admission of culpability. It is a way of identifying with the Shagari regime. The government has condemned itself."

Still no reason is given, and officials remain silent. It is left to Lagos journalists — already treading their own tightrope under Buhari — to speculate. Soyinka has seen such things before, many times, and sighs heavily — but he and his backers are nearly £200,000 out of pocket.

Soyinka, the writer and thinker and some-time film-maker, is unavoidably the political activist as well. There is a universality about his work — he has adapted Euripides — but he is principally a chronicler of events he has lived through. His moods fluctuate between aggression and black despair, but are always permeated by the "life-affirmative" force that sustains him.

No one knows for sure, but probably 100 million people — one African in every four — live in Nigeria. The country has been billed, just occasionally, as the continent's flagship for democracy, but is seen more often as a battleground for warring factions, tribes, federalists and secessionists always ready to tear at each other's throats. Soyinka talks, however, of the possibility, one day, of political coherence, of the truly sophisticated nature of the Nigerian electorate.

But he also talks of the dismal prospect presented by the 20 or so years since Independence. For every one step forward he says, Nigeria takes 12 steps backward. There has been no real "heyday" since Independence, he adds, though there were tolerably better times under Olusegun Obasanjo and Murtalah Mohammed in the mid-1970s.

"We are guilty of our own crimes," Soyinka argues, speaking of Africa generally as well as Nigeria. "The first and the principal enemy is internal. The humiliation of Nkomati (the 1984 treaty between South Africa and Mozambique) was the price for failing to unite. We are fighting the reactionaries within . . ."

President Alhaji Shehu Shagari, he dismisses now as "a traitor," at least in the latter stages of his rule. Did the West, seeing Shagari as a gentle moderate, let Nigeria down? Not exactly, Soyinka replies, but it was unpardonable that Western observers were so "fooled" by the man, and that they therefore complicated the country's problems by demoralising the opposition forces.

To what extent does Soyinka rate himself a patriot? He pauses. "There is no shortage," he says, "of anti-life rogues. But I love life, and the human community is mine. It is for the Government to prove its patriotism, according to my definition."

Soyinka is now 50, and when not writing has spent his professional life either teaching or as visiting lecturer at half a dozen of the world's universities. Three were in Nigeria (Ibadan and Ife twice over), one in Ghana, one in the U.S. (Yale) and another in Britain (Cambridge). Now he talks of retiring from this part of his life at the end of the current academic year.

What next? More autobiography? He stopped the instalment so far published, called simply Ake: The Year Of Childhood, at the age of 12 quite deliberately. "Autobiography," he says, "is lies. You have to be selective . . ." He said when Ake was published he wouldn't add to it. Now he says perhaps he'll have to do so.

His most famous work outside Nigeria and a classic of prison literature is The Man Died, and will be reissued by a London publisher soon as a paperback. He has written a new introduction. It remains to be seen whether this will echo what he wrote ten years after the first edition — that, where a regime may be deemed culpable, each family should have a handy pin-up photograph of the nation's leader, so that every day as a reminder, they could hurl the family slops at it.

More seriously still, he sees himself primarily as a playwright, and would like to write — given the time — and direct more of his own work. Whatever comes out, there will certainly be no complacency. "Acquiescence in political crime," Soyinka reflects, "is a hideous form of surrender, very tempting but very contemptible."

What he writes next will not be as stark as lines produced just a few years ago, saying "Sodom and Gomorrah / Will seem quite paradisial / When this whorehouse comes to trial . . ." But it will almost certainly startle.

EAST TIMOR

Creeping conquest

Few outsiders are permitted to see the devastation caused by an Indonesian invasion nearly 10 years ago

WHILE the British Prime Minister prepares to visit Jakarta, military occupation and resistance continue in the territory of East Timor which the Indonesian armed forces invaded nearly ten years ago.

More than 100,000 Timorese have died at the hands of the Indonesian military as a result of the destruction and disorder caused by the occupation. In the past two years more evidence has filtered through the Indonesian news blackout to document the scale of the repression and of East Timorese resistance.

Nevertheless, fewer governments than ever are prepared to take up the issue — though the Catholic Church has shown increasing concern. The United Nations Secretary-General instigated talks in 1984 between the governments of Indonesia and Portugal, the former colonial power, which is considered by the United Nations to be the Administering Authority of the territory. But these have not included representatives of the East Timorese people.

The Indonesian invasion and occupation were a period of trial for the Church, from which it emerged strengthened.

A group of priests wrote to the Pope in May 1983 to say that the people of the territory have suffered "moral and physical violence; arbitrary imprisonment; the resettlement of families and whole villages; the execution of those who surrender; executions without trial or summary judgment; disappearances and the destruction of families; the execution of whole groups of those captured; hunger and disease throughout all of East Timor." Detailed research on individual cases by Amnesty International has confirmed these general claims.

However, the roads are built to assist the army, the schools teach Indonesian (which was not spoken in East Timor), and the new agricultural projects are of advantage only to the Indonesian authorities who, since 1975, have appropriated most of the land previously under plantation crops.

The Indonesian government has also encouraged growing numbers of farmers from other islands to settle in East Timor. Officially, this movement takes place under the government's "transmigration" policy, which is intended to spread the population more evenly throughout Indonesia and relieve pressure in the densely inhabited islands of Java and Bali.

The Indonesian government claims that since 1981 malnutrition has no longer been a serious problem. This is not the view of development agencies or Timorese refugees. The territory's traditional economy has been dangerously disrupted by the concentration of the rural population in hamlets.

Very few agencies are allowed to work in East Timor. The International Committee of the Red Cross was entirely excluded from the territory between 1975 and 1979.

In fact the Indonesians have permitted few people to visit the territory. Selected diplomats and journalists have been granted visas from time to time, but only for short periods of a few days; and none have been permitted to choose their itinerary.

Britain's position, reaffirmed by the Foreign Secretary in January 1985, is that "the people of East Timor deserve the opportunity to determine their own future in accordance with their own political aspirations, unaffected by pressures of one kind or another" but that the issue can "only be resolved by direct contact between Portugal and Indonesia."

But Britain's simultaneous unwillingness to antagonise Indonesia has led the British Government to abstain every time the issue has come before the UN.

In 1978 Britain's Labour government sold eight Hawk fighters to Indonesia, knowing these could be used for counter-insurgency operations in East Timor. The present Conservative government has continued to promote weapons sales to Indonesia.

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CUBA

Medical miracle

Lionel Martin reports Cuba's giant strides in health care

ONE of Fidel Castro's great dreams is to turn Cuba into a public health showcase and world medical centre. Health officials from Western nations and the UN who have visited this country recognise that Castro's dream could well come true. Experts such as Dr Halfdan Mahler, general-director of the World Health Organisation, and the French Director of Health, Dr Jacques Roux have been the most recent in praising Cuba's seven-league strides. Dr Roux stated that Cuban public health is already on the level of many developed nations and has fulfilled the PanAmerican health organisation's projected medical goals for the year 2000.

Cuban doctors recognise that there are still shortcomings: many doctors still lack experience, hospital waiting rooms are often overcrowded, nurses don't always display the quiet professionalism expected in their craft and medical facilities are not always as spick and span as they should be. A Cuban health official commented: "It took months to get the bugs out of the Queen Mary once she was launched and I suspect it will take us many years or decades to perfect our medical system."

Cuba's polyclinics, 396 in all, are found all over the island. Before the revolutionary victory in 1959 there were none. There are now 263 hospitals, compared with 97. Fifty-four of them are in mountainous rural areas where previously there was only one small rural hospital with 23 beds. There were no dental clinics: today there are 143.



Cuba's children: healthy future

When Castro's rebel troops entered Havana there were 6,300 medical doctors, most of them with lucrative private practices in the large cities. More than half these doctors left for Miami and other parts following the revolution, but among those who stayed were the physicians who laid the foundations of the present public health care.

The budget for public health has zoomed from 31 million pesos in 1958 to 668 million pesos in 1984. Hospitals are equipped with sophisticated technology — intensive care units, scanning and ultrasound devices for dissolving kidney stones and for diagnosing diseases. The number of university medical faculties has grown from the single one at the university of Havana to 18 throughout the country with a similar proliferation of dental schools, nurses' training colleges and research centres. Today Cuba has 20,545 physicians compared with a low of 3,000 shortly after the revolution.

The private practitioner is now a dying species: there are only 53 of them left. Castro recently said: "Nobody bothers them: they work and they are respected." Medical and dental care is completely free of charge. This is possible partly because even the most skilled surgeons receive only slightly greater salary than a qualified teacher or worker.

The infant mortality rate has dropped from over 60 per thousand live births before the revolution to only 15 in 1984, only three points above the United States.

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NORTH SOUTH

Silenced screen

LINO Brocka, the Filipino film director arrested for sedition in Manila last January, has now been released after considerable international pressure. He is now under house arrest, with charges pending and further pressure is crucial since he faces life imprisonment or the death penalty if found guilty.

Yesterday, My Own Country (Bayan Ko) opened atnthe ICA Cinema in London after a press screening earlier in the week at which well-known British film-makers, supported by Amnesty International, appealed for continued help for one of Asia's best-known asd most courageous directors.

Among them were David Puttnam, John Boorman and David Hare. Previously Francis Ford Coppola, George Lucas, Julie Christie and Simone Signoret appealed to President Marcos against the harassment of Brocka who, though a well-known apponent of the regime, was arrested after watching a demonstration against increased petrol prices by Manila taxi-drivers.

My Own Country, reviewed in yesterday's Guardian, directly confronts present day politics in the Philippines with a story about a printing worker forced through poverty into signing an anti-union declaration at his work and then into a robbery to pay for his sick wife's medical bills.

Set against the background of the Aquino demonstrations and labour unrest, the film has a notable immediacy which has prevented it being shown in Manila in te of praise at international festivals throughout the world. The film was awarded the British Film Institute prize this year for its power and originality.



Brocka: under house arrest

Kids' stuff

THE Oxford Development Education Centre has produced a catalogue of development educational material for school children. The boom in Third World studies and multi-cultural education projects has produced a vast amount of material of unevens quality. This catalogue is a good guide to the best of the books, wall-charts, cartoon and photo collections (£1.50 from the Centre, 72 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4). The centre can also provide speakers, slide hows and music from every continent.

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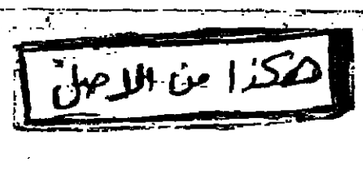
THE complacent clutch of well-established Asia magazines is being challenged by Inside Asia, a new arrival which aims professionally for the bits that the others don't reach. Regular sections include women in Asia, human rights and labour affairs. It sensibly also regards the Asian communities in Britain as part of its constituency. The second issue has Ben Kiernan and Noam Chomsky on a decade of genocide in Kampuchea. Bi-monthly from 242 Pentonville Road, London N1 9UP (subs £10 individuals, £18 institutions).

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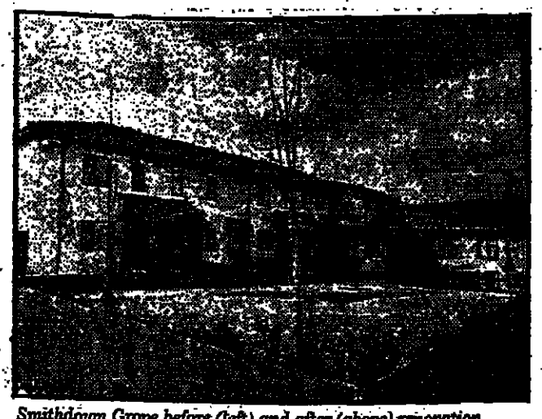
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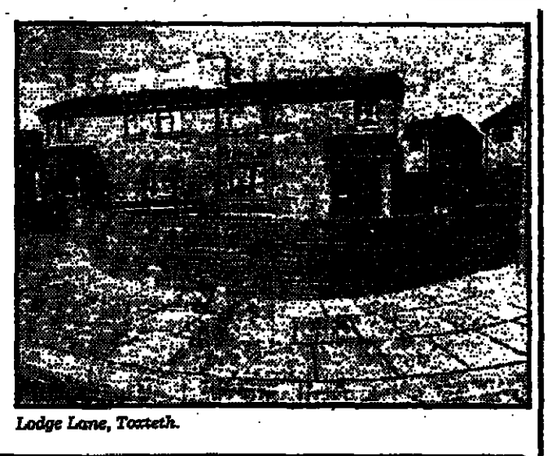




Smithdown Grove before (left) and after (above) renovation.

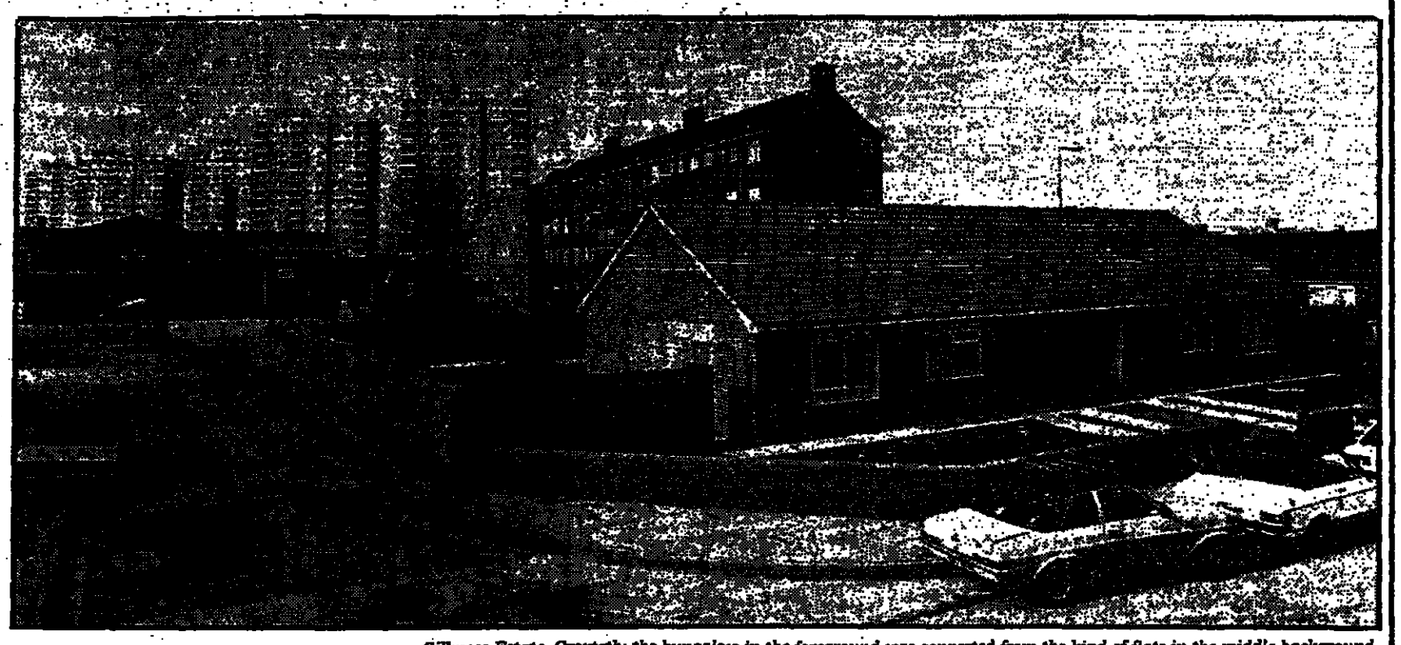


Councillor Tony Byrne, city finance chairman.



Lodge Lane, Toxteth.

pictures by Denis Thorpe



Gillmoss Estate, Croxteth: the bungalow in the foreground was converted from the kind of flats in the middle background.

The poor living in council houses are being squeezed while owner-occupiers are even more pampered with financial subsidies from the taxpayer, argued a Guardian leader on Tuesday. But the poor are not being squeezed in Liverpool. Not if the city council can help it, reports Alan Dunn. They're spending £110 million to humanise one of our nastiest inner cities. And to hell with government policy.

'There is no case to keep people poor so that they may stay socialist'

WITH an energy and single-mindedness the Government would admire in private enterprise, the Labour-led Liverpool council is pursuing a radical scheme to get rid of the city's *downtrodden image*. While the city's leaders and the Government are arguing over who pays the bill, sleazy *discredited tenement and* walk-up blocks are being torn down; attractive, red brick houses, none more than two storeys high, are shooting up; sports centres started; parks and open spaces created out of dereliction; roads narrowed, re-lit, and re-routed; old property revamped; and gardens are sprouting all around. The local building trade is booming.

What peeves the Government is that this urban regeneration, which is a *central plank of the Liverpool* District Labour Party's philosophy, is municipally organised and financed. And the property is mostly for let, not for sale, at a time when the Government is urging councils to sell their housing stock.

The Secretary for the Environment, Patrick Jenkin, emerged from a tour of some of the desperate property in the inner city to say: "Some of the conditions are very grim indeed." But while there was much that was good in the city's initial five-year plan, there was, he believed, "too much reliance on the municipal solution." His answer lay in the wisest use of all resources, including private, *municipal*, and cooperative approaches.

Councillor Tony Byrne, the city's finance chairman, disagrees. "It *has* been argued by people who basically want to destroy public service that municipal housing has failed. *As a party we have never* accepted that, identifying instead architectural and planning failures, particularly in the post war years."

The mass construction tower blocks, walk-up flats, and maisonettes were now universally condemned not only as ill designed but as responsible for many of the social and medical problems of tenants. "It is not just a case of producing acceptable housing but of changing the whole environment," says Mr Byrne.

Before the party was elected to power two years ago, there had been considerable discussion on the strategy; that is one reason why so much work has already begun within the 17 priority areas declared by the council. In the first two years more than 2,000 new homes will be built, with a target of 4,000-plus next year.

The first principles laid down were simple and ordinary: *homes would have gardens*, front doors on to the street, and there would be no "strange back accesses." With the cooperation of Merseyside County Council, roads are being re-routed to prevent rat running and given stronger lighting to encourage security. Buffer areas of grassed banks are being created between housing and industry and major transport routes.

Most of the 17 priority areas are in the inner city but the urban fringe has not been ignored. At Gillmoss in Croxteth, tower blocks with mean anonymous corridors are being torn down and replaced by houses and bungalows, all with brick garden walls; the *top floors of walk-up flats* are being sliced off, leaving a base to be converted into small terraces of one or two storeys, *each with gardens; and scruffy* grassed or asphalted play areas eliminated. Tower blocks that have proved satisfactory are being retained, with improved security, their status enhanced by the more cheerful environment being created around them.

At Everton, where the notorious Piggeries, three tower blocks, will be pulled down if the council wins a legal action, a 100 acre park is beginning to take shape on the falling land overlooking the Mersey, with views out to the Welsh mountains. Reverting to Victorian virtues, the park will have a boundary of stone and iron railings to create a sense of civic dignity. Copper beeches *will form entrance avenues to* a range of old fashioned and modern park activities, linked to one of the six sports centres *being built across the city.*

But haven't the critics a point in castigating the council's apparent refusal to involve either private capital or the admirable cooperative housing, in which the tenants play a part in both design and management? Mr Byrne says that the elements of choice have been built into the strategy, both of style of property and of the locality in which people can live. Land was made available for private development and the council had a build-for-sale programme.

But the scale of the strategy — of which this is only the first stage — was the binding feature. "Councils do have the capacity and resources and power to make fundamental impacts," he says. "I believe that the working class is entitled *to proper housing and* environment."

But wasn't there a risk that in their new surroundings a petit *bourgeoisie might* arise? "Socialism has to appeal to people intellectually and in the essence of their being," says Mr Byrne. "There is no case to keep people poor so that they stay socialist."

The strategy has other objectives, especially the creation of employment in an area that had lost 40,000 jobs in the past few years. By creating new and refurbished property, and providing trading properties with an improved appearance and security, there should be fewer calls on the council's maintenance staff. And it was hoped tenants would respond by taking as much care of their property, for which they will pay an average £17.50 a week, as private owners took of theirs. Mr Byrne says "People respond to the social pressures around them and therefore *will create a better atmosphere.*" Most people have two priorities in their lives: a job and "a decent place to live with dignity — and I do not think that people can live happy lives unless they are decently housed. You can't be happy if you are putting your children to bed in damp rooms. Our intention is to turn the inner city into residential areas, creating streets and gardens and a secure environment instead of rabbit warrens."

Robin Thornber samples a new manifestation of Thatcher's Britain.

American excess

"NOW," they said. "First Class starts before you get on the train." British Rail opened a new Pullman Lounge on platform 8 at Kings Cross this week — and others will follow at key main line termini — as part of their campaign to attract the expenses-paid business traveller.

"InterCity is turning into a true executive service," they said, "and that goes for the stations as well as the trains." I was travelling down from Doncaster on the day the new lounge opened. It seemed too good to miss. A plastic card turns anyone into a true executive.

The lounge is exclusive to passengers who are paying the full first class fare by American Express or Travel Key, BR's own charge card, which seems a little hard on peasants who still pay cash.

A first class day return from Doncaster costs £59, compared with £38.40 second class (or £21.50 if you can travel after 8.30 am). So rail is still cheaper, if less convenient, than one person driving — around £90 at 26p a mile. And it's much cheaper, and more *convenient, than flying — the* return air fare from Manchester is £92 (increasing to £96 from April 1), and from Leeds it's £102 (increasing to £108 from April 1). Flying time is an hour from Leeds and 45 minutes from Manchester, but then you're at Heathrow.

My mistake, after charging the first class fare to my piece of plastic and boarding the 08.22 from Doncaster was to sit in a second class carriage from force of habit — the smoker nearest the buffet. The call to breakfast reminded *me I was paying* £59. Not only were there no kippers, but we'd reached Peterborough by the time I'd finished breakfast, and all the first class seats were occupied. I stood swaying in the corridor to Kings Cross, wondering if it was worth it.

The train arrived a couple of minutes early at 10.07. With half an hour to spare, the Pullman Lounge seemed like a good idea. "You are greeted by a smart receptionist who will welcome you to the lounge and give you the train information you need." Well, yes, the smart receptionists were friendly and helpful, even though I didn't need any train information. I had a little leaflet.

"Hang up your coat" (sorry, I'm just wearing a jacket — must remember to bring a coat to hang up next time), "look around at the attractive decor" (well, yes, it's carpeted, *calm, and smart*), "*and* then sink down into one of the comfortable seats, where you'll be served with freshly *made complimentary tea or* coffee." I sank.

One of the smart receptionists asked for my business *card, which I didn't have, so* I wrote my name and address on a little ticket which she kindly turned into a laminated luggage label advertising InterCity Pullman.

"If you wish, there are delicious open sandwiches" (but I'd just had breakfast on the train) "and there's also a drinks trolley with miniatures of all the most popular spirits, ice and mixers" (but not outside the permitted hours). "Payment is easy and convenient, with the Card.

"There are public telephones in the Lounge" (they are the new sort that doesn't let you dial the operator for a transfer charge or credit card call, so you need the 10p pieces). "And if you want to dash off a letter or write up your notes, there's a quiet desk area with *Pullman* Lounge notepaper." And I'd brought my own pad.

"And there's a Xyllyx *machine* that's *almost* as amazing as its name, giving up-to-the-minute train and other travel information on screen at the touch of a button and even an instant print-out. In addition, there is a photocopy facility in the lounge. The receptionist will also handle hotel or car reservations for you."

This is true. I didn't actually need to use the Prestel terminal on this occasion, because I had my train information printed out on my little leaflet. And I'd nothing *needing copying, though that* might have been useful.

But surely, it seemed to me, your bright, achieving executive is going to have his or her travel information, car and hotel reservations already organised? Can anyone so hapless as to turn up at the station without knowing the time of their train actually earn enough to pay full first class fare?

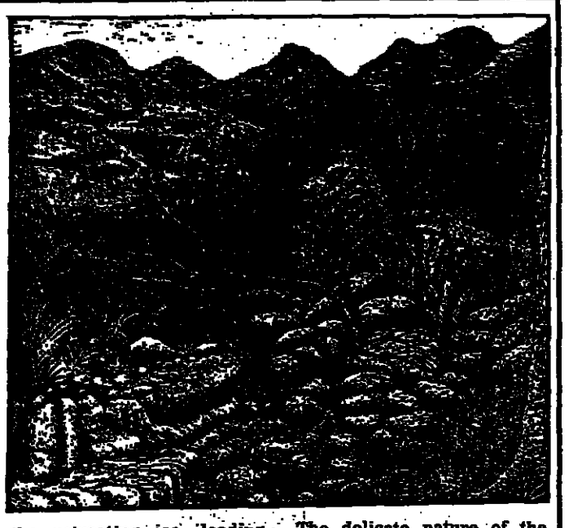
"The *aim* is to give the businessman somewhere to make phone calls or use a photocopier," a spokesman at *British Rail's* headquarters told me. "These facilities do exist already; we're just gathering them together in one place."

But what sort of businessman is it that pays £59 instead of £38.40 for a cup of coffee, a carpet, and a copier? Even if you can set it against your tax bill so that you're subsidised by the rest of us? I suspect it's only the snobby exclusivity that's worth £20.60 as an ego boost.

Go next door to the gents or the snack bar on the other side to be reminded of the dismal squalor that prevails in the other, larger of Mrs Thatcher's two nations where expenses are not deductible. Yes, the Pullman Lounge is comfortable and pleasantly relaxing, like the lobby of a posh hotel. But why can't everyone enjoy facilities like this?

Easter could be a bumper weekend for people in the Lake District — and a dire occasion for the plant life up there in the gills, suggests Bob Bunce

Tramp, tramp, trample, trample



NEXT WEEKEND, no doubt, the Lake District will teem with people. It doesn't even need to be a warm, sunny Easter. Take New Year's Day, for example. Langdale. All car parks full. Cars parked along the road. Pubs full. Footpaths cluttered. Coloured anoraks speckled upon hillsides. Queue for toilets. Traffic jams . . . just some expressions of an invasion that was unknown even five years ago.

We were part of that pressure, enjoying a scramble up Dungeon Ghyll in *company* with 15 others in three separate parties. We were joining the thousands of visitors who flock to the *Lakes on* every fine weekend. And, in their cars and rucksacks, they bring with them an ever-increasing bounty of guides, guides to the quiet places that no one else knows, guides to plants, guides to long, short, and *car* walks, and just recently, a guide to scrambles.

The specialist climbing guides that have been with us since the 1880s are designed for a restricted group of devotees; these populist guides are created for Everyman. They take him by the hand and lead him to places he would never find on his own. *Formerly* obscure, hidden places suddenly became immensely popular.

So Tom's favourite spot becomes Dick's and Jane's, and all their friends' as well, but that's not the whole story. Carelessness can cause problems. Apart *from* the damage arising from a trail of open gates, litter, and broken walls, people can also harm plant habitats. The mountain gills are especially vulnerable. A group of us — botanists, rangers, climbers, and scramblers — *have* joined together to investigate the effects of this increased pressure.

What are these plants, and why are they important? The last ice age left Lakeland some 10,000 years ago. In its wake, waves of plants colonised the bare debris left by the retreating ice, leading *eventually to a rich and com*plex vegetation. First came small alpine plants, resistant to cold and exposure. These were gradually replaced by birch and pine, which in turn gave way to the familiar oak and ash of warmer climes. Forest trees *filled the valleys* and the hillsides to about 1,700ft. The alpines were forced to retreat to the high *fells.*

Gradually, over the centuries, man cleared the forests and brought sheep to graze on the fells. The only refuges then left for these alpine plants were the protected cliffs and gills. Such sheltered sites occupy only a small fraction of the land surface, but with the increase in scrambling, they are now under threat. After managing to survive for 10,000 years, these plants are at risk.

Within the gills, different groups of plants are found. At *low altitudes there are wood*land species: oak and ash giving way to birch and rowan at higher levels. Some woodland *plants such as* wood anemone and violets still manage to grow on the highest gills and cliffs, but the most *common* plants throughout the gills are moorland species such as ling heather, tormentil, and heath bedstraw. These are found all over the Lakeland fells, are resistant to grazing, and are in no danger.

But a specialised group, including butterwort and devil's bit scabious, grow alongside water trickles, and although these plants are widespread, they are easily destroyed by careless trampling. Also growing on the ledges are plants from richer soils, usually found in lowland meadows, such as meadowsweet and globe flower. Finally, there are the special alpine relicts like rose-root and mossy saxifrage that are found not only in the gills, but *also* at higher altitudes where competition from other plants is less. These only grow on the crumbling rocks and are easily uprooted.

The delicate nature of the *flowers makes* them favourites with gardeners, although many do not realise that the saxifrages in their *gardens have close relatives* growing wild on the hills. There are also many mosses and liverworts which favour the *protected* walls of the gills and which a careless hand or foot can easily dislodge.

Our group has looked at a number of gills and the good news is that most of them show few signs of damage. The bad news is that in several places, scrambling has begun to wear away the soft rock, taking the plants away with it. In Dungeon Ghyll, for example, the signs *of damage have increased* over the last year.

The increasing concern of mountaineers about the quality of their surroundings can now be seen in the removal of pitons from climbs and the collection of camping debris. But if we are to conserve the unique and beautiful array of plant in the gills, the message has to be spread widely and quickly. These plants are particularly sensitive to careless use. It is up to us to ensure that future generations can enjoy them as much as we do ourselves.

We in the gill group enjoy scrambling as much as anyone, and it is great fun. By following simple guidelines, sport and conservation can go hand in hand — but only if people are made aware of the damage they can cause. Our code of conduct for the gills is:

leave plants for others to enjoy.

follow only established routes.

keep to the rocky bed of the gill.

avoid crumbling rocks

If these suggestions are followed, then much of the sensitive vegetation can remain undisturbed.

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PENNINE WAYS: Another report from Kate Wedd in her moorland cottage

'What we need on the Pennines is plastic stone-coloured replica drystone walls to buy by the foot'

I AM beginning to wonder what country life is doing to my toddler. She has ideas quite unlike those a city child would have at her age. I cannot shield her from the facts of life or death because it is all going on around her. There is nothing she likes more than one of our special walks by the riverside, not because it is so pretty, but because it takes us close to the decaying body of a dead sheep — in which she takes a keen and scientific interest.

I collected her from the neighbouring farm the other morning *to be greeted with a* smile which looked like Christmas.

"Mummy, would you like *to see a mole?*" *she said* excitedly. "I have a mole."

Almost as excited as she was, I was *rather surprised* when she dived in her pocket and so I expected — not a newly caught live *mole* — but perhaps a new soft toy. No such luck. Out came a very dead and rapidly stiffening mole which she had begged from the mole trap.

"Isn't he sweet?" (actually, "Ifn't he *fweet*"), she said, laying her cheek along its soft limp back. "See his little paws." Bravely concealing *my absolute distaste, I shook* hands with the stuck out paws, gazed obediently into the furry face, and exclaimed with suitable rapture over the dear little thing.

For inexplicable adult reasons I would not let her take it to bed with her that night, and I broke my own rules by telling her a lie to account for its disappearance later. While I can just about tolerate her bringing home a lapwing's skeleton, I do draw the line at dead mammals.

Her grasp of the biology of conception is rather vague. The farmers here put the daddy sheep in strange little harnesses with a crayon marker on their chest. This means that when they do their duty, they paint the ewe's rump with red paint. This way the shepherd makes sure that every ewe gets her turn — a far fairer system than the Mecca dance hall, you will agree. It also raised some confusion in Toots' mind. She saw the daddy sheep vigorously crayonning the mummy sheeps' bottoms and now thinks that is how you make babies. This is at least as much sense as a gooseberry bush myth, and I really cannot face the correct explanation.

She is at the age where fantasy and reality are not yet readily distinguished (and she is not the only one, come to that). So she lives in a magic world where everything is possible. Waking her from her afternoon sleep the other day I said in tones of genuine amazement. "Toots, you will never believe this but there has been a great blizzard all around the cottage while you were asleep." Her eyes widened in amazement. "A *real lizard?*" she asked, obviously envisaging the descent of the Pennine dragon.

No indeed, it was a genuine snow-filled blizzard, and I have snow again up to the back door sill, drifted into the back porch, and in great heaps against the walls and gate.

I have lost count of the number of times I have packed away the snow gear, certain that we have seen the last of the bad weather. But up here, if spring comes, can winter be far *behind?* The day after we planted out the apple tree and cherry tree, the garden looked less like the start of a traditional English fruit garden and more like a Swiss postcard.

Great drifts of snow are *heaped up on my newly* planted honeysuckle, and the winter-flowering japonica may be living up to its promise or not — I don't know, for the buds are four inches under. The snowdrops which looked so hopeful in the spring-green grass only yesterday are now frozen into little teardrops of ice, and the next flurry of snow will bury them altogether. It snowed so hard between morning *tea* time (when Le Patron put on his thermal vest again) and breakfast, when I looked out *of the back porch and up the* hill, that during that time, his tracks had been snowed in and we were a little island in *the middle of untrodden* snow.

It was a magical day with brilliant sunshine and the *bluest of icy blue skies and* the landscape all curved and shaped in glittering icing-sugar snow. Great for Toots *and I who got the sledge out* (again) and set off for our tobogganing slope. Less fun for the farmers whose sheep *have just started lambing.*

The lambs are little bigger than cats when they are born, painfully skinny and wobbly-legged. They make long and tedious journeys round to their mother's udders; then she — dumb animal — moves round and they have to start all over again. Once they get going, they swell up like cotton wool balls with their little tails trembling with enthusiasm when they suck. Out in the fields, they avoid the frosty ground by sitting on their mother's backs like white peas on grey elephants. Toots is keen, but her real loves have yet to arrive. We are waiting with bated breath for the birth of the calves.

In the meantime it is an ill wind which blows no good to our freezer. A friend rang the other day and said she had a rather strange offer to make me. One of her sheep had a prolapsed womb and had been put down. Would we like a share in the mortal remains? For a woman who



only a few months ago used to get conscience-stricken when walking past our sloe-eyed calves when I knew I had *steak in my shopping bag*, I have come a long way. I accepted with enthusiasm and not a moment's qualm.

Even in our part of the world you cannot get mutton. A conspiracy between New Zealand farmers and butchers means that meat is killed as lamb and the traditional recipes which always used mutton are now made with lamb and (presumably) taste quite different.

It looks quite different, too. The leg is not lamb-sized but a handsome chunk of meat. Unfortunately, when you get half an animal, you only get two *legs and lots* of other anonymous bits. I have not yet fully come to grips with identifying raw cuts and the freezer is consequently filled with frozen wedges helpfully labelled "*Bit* of sheep," "Bit of sheep," and "Another bit of sheep."

After a lengthy packaging and labelling session, I got rather tired of this. I pity anyone who searches for a joint in my freezer now. There are *chunks* labelled "Sheep's nose" and "Rhino gizzard," "Cow-Elephant ear," and "Narwhal joint." If the *Greenpeace lot come to* dinner, I shall be sunk.

I wish they would come, actually, because I have a *bone to pick with the conser*vation movement — or should it be a soya seed? There is a campaign at the moment in *enthusiastic* support of drystone walls. Drystone walling, we are told, is a dying craft. I can tell you why. It is because drystone wallers have all been buried alive in their collapsed creations.

Le Patron and I spent most of last weekend heaving rocks around the patch of mud which is going to be a vegetable and fruit garden, with dear little drystone walls breaking up the beds and providing some protection against frost for the blooming strawberry plants and raspberry canes.

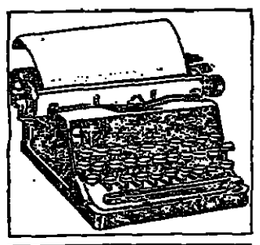
Some hopes. Time and again my nascent vegetable patch has disappeared under a rubble of limestone rocks and our painful exercise in three-D jigsaw has gained us only bruised toes and bad *tempers and little of the* timeless formality of a walled garden.

If the conservation lobby *are so damn keen on drystone* walls, they should just try living with them. Every spring, they collapse with *monotonous regularity and* we live in expectation of finding an unwary hiker squashed under a newly *formed cairn munching his* Kendal mint cake and waiting for rescue.

No, the way ahead for the countryside is extruded plastic. What we need on the Pennines is plastic stone-coloured replica drystone walls that we can buy by the foot. The conservationists can look at them as they whiz by in their low octane cars, the hikers can hop over them for a pee, and I might have a fighting chance of keeping the sheep out of my garden.

Though I shall have no problems for the next few weeks, I fear. One patch of *wind-blasted* ice and drifted snow is much the same as another even to someone as stupid as a Swaledale.

Do industrialists really want consensus or just a bigger slice of the cake?



SATURDAY NOTEBOOK

BIG business is seeking a greater and broader say in *how industry and commerce* contributes to a wide spread of national political, economical and social issues.

In short, business people are trying to have a bigger say in how we run the country.

The business lobby has been in the forefront of the national debate in the past. The years of consensus government under Wilson, Heath and Callaghan brought business close to the forefront in the decision making process.

Then, however, the debate was essentially an economic one, with the government, industry and the trade unions agreeing on broad fiscal guidelines like wages and dividends. Today, in contrast, the big business lobby is gearing up to extend the influence of industry and commerce into both the political and social arenas.

The point was graphically illustrated only this week when the Confederation of British Industry, the most respected of the business lobby groups, produced a key document, entitled Change to Succeed. The 68-page document represents a landmark in the history of business lobbying.

In it the CBI sets out to promote a debate among industry and commerce which it hopes will lead to sweeping political and social reforms—and a better all-round climate for us all in which to live. Intriguingly, the CBI's sortie into political and social affairs emerges at the same time as the Institute of Directors is anxiously promoting itself as an independent think tank, capable of providing government and *nation with a suitable forum* to debate and consider wider long-term issues.

Appropriately enough, the IoD's new role has emerged under the guidance of its new director general, Sir John Hoskyns, one time head of the Whitehall think tank and former personal adviser to Mrs Thatcher.

The CBI, for example, has plunged into hitherto uncharted waters by asking its members to consider pressing for far-reaching political reforms like proportional representation increased powers for the House of Lords, and an extension of the five year Parliamentary term. Equally it has asked for members' views on whether Britain should have a Bill of Rights.

The IoD under Hoskyns is attempting to provide an opportunity for the nation to use the organisation as a think tank to promote and discuss ideas and concepts outside the traditional parameters set by politics, finance or union membership.

The type of initiatives being undertaken by the CBI and IoD at present would have been difficult enough to achieve during the years of consensus government. Consensus is not a word in use any longer in Whitehall and on the face of it, the CBI and IoD would appear to be sowing their seeds on very stony ground.

However, the joint — and unrelated — moves by the CBI and IoD reflect an awareness by businessmen and women that the fundamentals have changed. The government leads and everyone else must be strong and fit enough to follow on behind.

Both the business lobbies share the same view that a better industrial and commercial climate is needed to help achieve national goals and both would doubtless admit that Mrs Thatcher's government has created more change than any administration for many years.

But in pressing for a bigger say in how we run things, the CBI and IoD are also saying that now is a good time to re-assess the change which has already taken place and to determine whether it has been worthwhile and what should follow.

All of this is clearly fair enough and no one should object to constructive debate on how the country is best run. However, both the CBI and IoD suffer from the serious disability of being the CBI and IoD.

Worthy though the membership of both organisations may be, there is the obvious flaw that both sets of people are politically-orientated to the Right. The IoD, in particular remains tarred with the brush of Hoskyns' predecessor, Walter Goldsmith, while the CBI is still seen as the Tory Party at work.

This is not in any way to belittle their efforts to promote reform and change for benefit of us all.

Instead the initiatives of the CBI and IoD serve to illustrate how badly let down the country has been by the Thatcher government's abolition of concensus.

The CBI programme, for example, would find strong support right across the political arena and the IoD's cache of industrial and commercial knowledge would be a valuable servant in a wider forum. In isolation, though, the twin moves by big business will undoubtedly come to be seen as a piece of opportunism by industry and commerce which, true to type, is triving to grab a bigger slice of the cake.

How sad it is that the CBI proposals, for example, were not raised in the last remaining bastion of consensus — the tripartite National Economic Development Office. NEDO's council, made up of the government, industry and trade unions, is used narrowly as a forum for seemingly esoteric debate, with the real discussion taking place in the sub-committees.

How much more sensible it would be if a virile national forum existed to debate important issues like those raised by the CBI's Change to Succeed. Indeed, how much more sensible it would be if the national forum was drawn from politicians and civil servants, from industry and the unions and from the academic and professional walks of life.

Other countries, notably successful ones like Japan, somehow contrive to make this style of consensus work. The CBI has cast a stone into the pool which because of the present set-up seems likely to disappear without a trace, or merely be seen as yet another bit of business lobbying.

But a properly constituted and soundly supported national forum could not only raise questions like those contained in the CBI document. It might also stand a better chance of getting things changed.

Michael Smith

Deals to increase outside capital well advanced

Talks start on micro deal with China

By Peter Large,
Technology Correspondent

Eight Chinese officials yesterday began a week of talks in Manchester on a £40 million deal to build a microchip plant, a personal computer factory, and a research centre on the campus of the main South China university in Guangzhou (Canton).

The basic 15-year agreement with a British-led consortium, to establish a joint venture company called China Micro, was signed in China four months ago.

The key members of the consortium are Ferranti, whose world lead in the technology of gate-array microchips is the major attraction to the Chinese, and the London-based microcomputer company Rair.

The Central London Polytechnic is also involved on the research and training side.

Mr Mark Potts, managing director of Rair and head of the consortium, said yesterday that negotiations on raising between $10 million and $15 million of outside capital were well advanced.

Some of this money is coming from Hong Kong investors. The deal is with the Government of Guangdong province, next door to Hong Kong. That province is the spearhead of China's modernisation drive.



Mark Potts

There is American participation, particularly in microchip manufacturing equipment, but the consortium is predominantly British and the contract specifies the use of UK equipment, other things being equal. British architects are also involved.

Mr Potts said the Chinese were investing about £25 million initially, with a build-up thereafter. Preparatory work had already begun.

The chip plant will concentrate on the technology that Ferranti has developed in Manchester, and the computer factory will make a range of microcomputers based on Rair's products, but using a Chinese language capability developed locally.

Dr Alan Shepherd, head of Ferranti's microelectronics operations, said last night that the first day's talks had produced "great enthusiasm" on both sides.

Buying brings OTT bid rumour

By Andrew Cornelius

MORE than five million shares of Ocean Transport and Trading, one of Britain's biggest shipping groups, have changed hands in recent days prompting City speculation that P&O is about to launch a £250 million takeover bid.

The speculation was fuelled yesterday by a 12p rise in the OTT share price to 183p, for a two-day gain of 19p.

Panmure Gordon, brokers to Sterling Guarantee Trust before last month's £1 billion merger with P&O, have been actively buying OTT shares in the market.

Sir Jeffrey Sterling, P&O's chairman, is engaged in talks with Trafalgar House, which owns the Cunard shipping business, with a view to rationalising the two group's shipping businesses. A takeover of OTT would help complete this rationalisation, and would also give P&O control of Overseas Containers Limited, where it has a 48 per cent share stake, and OTT has a 32.8 per cent holding.

Mr Richard Hannah, shipping analyst at Phillips and Drew, said: "OTT certainly looks vulnerable in stock market terms." He estimates that OTT has a break-up value of about £310 million, or 280p per share, against published assets of 190p per share in the latest accounts.

P&O would not comment on the market speculation yesterday, beyond confirming that the group is no longer "preoccupied" by the reorganisation which was necessary following the merger with SGT.

There was no comment from OTT, or Trafalgar House, which is tipped as an outside bidder for OTT, following its recent £175 million rights issue to strengthen the group balance sheet.



POP singer Gilbert O'Sullivan (above) has been paid almost £2 million as a result of an out-of-court settlement of his long-running royalty dispute with Management Agency and Music. (Geoffrey Gibbs writes).

MAMS, currently holding merger talks with the Chrysalis records group, decided to seek the settlement because of concern about the eventual cost to the company if the case had continued to drag on through the courts.

The settlement brings to an end a heated legal battle that started in 1982 when O'Sullivan, who shot to fame in the early seventies with hits such as "Alone Again" and "Clair," sued his manager, Mr Gordon Mills, the MAMS chairman, and the company for loss of royalties and loss of copyright.

MAMS has contested the action in the High Court and the Court of Appeal for the past three years and the company believed that if no settlement had been reached the case could have continued for another two years.

The MAMS directors said yesterday that such delay, coupled with the continuing uncertainty of the eventual cost to the company, would have been damaging to the interests of the company and its shareholders.

As a result of the settlement the singer has been paid a total of £1,983,520 in royalties and interest and has been assigned all rights in his works retained by the group.

MAMS said yesterday that the eventual cost of the settlement would be "much reduced" as a result of tax allowances although it was not yet possible to quantify the reduction. It was satisfied that the settlement of the action was "reasonable and acceptable."

Settlement of the royalty dispute comes only a week after the juke boxes, fruit machines and hotels group announced that it was holding talks on a possible merger with Chrysalis the privately owned music concern whose label includes groups such as Spandau Ballet, Ultravox and Jethro Tull.

Entrad raises Tootal takeover bid to £128m

By Geoffrey Gibbs

Australian textiles group Entrad has slapped in a take it or leave it £128.5 million takeover bid for Tootal after digesting the latest results and profit forecast announced by the Manchester based threads and textiles manufacturer this week.

Entrad, which owns 5.8 per cent of the Tootal shares, said yesterday that it was increasing the terms of its offer from 70p a share to 72.5p in cash. It added that the offer was final and would lapse if it had not become unconditional as to acceptances by April 18.

Tootal directors immediately dismissed the increased offer as "totally inadequate" and promised to write to shareholders shortly to explain why. But immediate Stock Market reaction suggested that Entrad may have done just enough to succeed.

Tootal shares fell 3p yesterday to stand a fraction below the new terms at 72p each. There was no sign of Entrad entering the market to add to its existing stake in the business.

Entrad launched its original £124 million bid for Tootal at the beginning of February after failing to secure the backing of the Tootal directors for a proposed merger. Until yesterday — a bad day for share prices generally — Tootal had stood resolutely above the bid terms. Entrad has to date been able to pull in acceptances from only a further 1.32 per cent of the groups shares.

Under the terms of the increased offer, Tootal shareholders will be entitled to retain the second interim dividend of 1.87p a share promised by the Tootal board earlier this week. Instead of taking the 72.5p cash offer they can elect to receive an equivalent amount in loan notes.

Tootal saw profits jump by 33 per cent to £22.85 million last year and is forecasting a pre tax surplus of not less than £27 million for the current trading period. Tootal directors and their financial advisers at Morgan Grenfell believe the strong improvement in Tootal's fortunes will persuade institutional investors to stay with the group.

Reaction from institutional investors of the profit and dividend forecast announced on Thursday is said to have been encouraging and the feeling in the Tootal camp is that yesterday's share price fall reflects selling by speculators disappointed that the Entrad offer has been declared final.

National Savings to take on the banks

By Margaret Dibben,
Money Editor

National Savings is to pay 0.5 per cent more on its variable interest rate investment schemes. The department is just on the point of scraping together the £3 billion target for this year and will start the new financial year by returning to competition with the banks and new building society rates.

With £230 million needed during March to reach the target, in the first three weeks of the month, National Savings attracted £200 million. Although the pressure is off during April, the Government will not want to fall too far behind at the start of the year with this important element of its funding requirement.

The banks' high interest accounts have been hugely popular, mainly at the expense of building societies. The societies will be hard pressed this month to raise even £200 million, which is only one quarter the amount needed to meet mortgage demand. In the last two weeks they saw a net outflow of around £76 million.

They have retaliated by raising their savings rates by 0.75 per cent from next Monday, putting the lowest share rate at 8.75 per cent net and making 9.75 per cent net easily available.

The National Savings Investment Account (Invac) will pay 12.75 per cent gross from April 11. The income bonds and deposit bonds, where six weeks' notice of change has to be given, also go up by 0.5 per cent; from May 12 the rate of interests will be 13.25 per cent gross. Unlike banks and building societies, National Savings is still permitted to pay gross rates.

The General Extension Rate, paid on matured savings certificates, improves from 9 per cent, the rate introduced only last month, to 9.51 per cent starting on Monday.

There are no changes to the 30th issue National Saving certificate, granny bonds or the yearly plan, all of which offer a guaranteed rate of return. The 30th issue, paying 8.85 per cent tax free over five years, has attracted about £300 million of savers' money since its launch on February 13.

C&G in Waltham merger

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society is merging with the far smaller Waltham Abbey Building Society in July. Geographically, Waltham Abbey will fill in gaps in Cheltenham & Gloucester's coverage.

The deal is subject to the approval of Waltham Abbey members who are being wooed with the offer of a 1 per cent bonus being added to ordinary share accounts if the merger goes through.

The Cheltenham, ranked 12th with 150 branches, will bring the Waltham's rates for both borrowers and savers into line with its own.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

JARDINE Matheson, the leading "hong" trading house which last year switched its domicile to Bermuda ahead of the UK-Sino agreement on Hong Kong, yesterday reported that it had slumped to a loss of nearly £100 million in 1984. The deficit was largely attributable to the group's shipping interests, and Jardine has now decided to withdraw entirely from shipowning.

Over £60 million of the loss was accounted for by a provision against the value of its shipping fleet which has now been written off completely. Jardines will also pull out of its offshore oil service business.

TWO of Britain's big four clearing banks were yesterday still considering whether to join their rivals in cutting interest rates. The Midland Bank and Barclays both said that they were studying the market "very closely" but had not decided whether to follow the National Westminster and Lloyd's in cutting rates from 13.5 per cent to 13 per cent.

However, the Bank of England continued to support the base rate cut in its money market dealings and money dealers expect the Midland and Barclays to fall in line next week.

A KEY index of US economic activity rose 0.7 per cent in February, a smaller rise than in January but a sign of continued economic growth in the months ahead, the government reported yesterday.

The rise in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, considered a barometer of future economic direction, compared with an increase of 1.5 per cent in January, the Commerce Department said. — Reuter.

THE world economy would continue to grow this year and next but at a slower rate than in 1983-84, the respected Kiel Institute of World Economic Affairs said yesterday.

Indemnity for JMB

By Andrew Cornelius

The Bank of England has agreed the controversial £150 million indemnity package to cover future losses at Johnson Matthey Bankers, with the group of more than 20 banks and bullion dealers who supported the rescue of the bank last year.

Under the terms of the package agreed yesterday, the Bank will provide half of the £150 million safety net being made available to cover JMB's bad debts once its capital reserves are exhausted, with the balance provided by the other rescuers.

The agreement concludes several months of negotiations between the Bank and the indemnity committee representing the other parties involved in the JMB rescue to define exactly which loans were covered by the indemnity deal.

JMB has estimated reserves of between £150 million and £170 million, and debts estimated at about £245 million. This would mean that the Bank and the other banks would have to pay equal shares of losses in the region of £75 million to £95 million under the terms of the indemnity agreement.

Japan tries to head off US trade war

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

Amid growing clamour in the US over its trade deficit with Japan, the prime minister, Mr Nakasone has ordered his cabinet colleagues to assemble a "package" of trade concessions generous enough to forestall protectionist moves by Western countries.

Yesterday, Mr Nakasone instructed his economic planning agency chief, Mr Ippei Kaneko to come up with comprehensive market opening measures, primarily of benefit to the US, prior to the OECD ministerial meeting to be held in Paris on April 11 and 12. Nine government ministers concerned will hold an emergency meeting today to decide how far Japan can go in meeting foreign countries demands.

His call for prompt action reflects increasing anxiety in government circles that Japan could find itself ostracized if foreigners feel their products are not given a fair chance in the Japanese market.

Mr Nakasone is said to be confident that President Reagan will resist pressure for drastic actions such as introducing a surcharge against Japanese imports (not least because Japan was the first of America's allies to come out in support of the "Star Wars" programme.)

But Japanese officials have no illusions about the angry mood in Washington, and say that Japan-US relations are now at a critical stage. Earlier this month Mr Saburo Okita, who heads a government committee on trade problems, warned on his return from Washington that "the sentiment in the US is like the one you notice on the brink of a war."

This week, a US congressman declared that America was now engaged in a "trade war" with Japan.

As the US loses patience with Japan's slow progress in opening up the Japanese market to foreign goods, the high noon atmosphere grows more acute. On Thursday, the US Senate called on President Reagan to retaliate unless Japan opens its markets to American goods in 90 days. The resolution was aimed at shocking Japan and the White House to speed up bilateral talks concerning imports of telecommunications equipment, forestry products, medical equipment and drugs.

Airport inquiry plea fails

By Michael Smith,
Industrial Editor

Plans to build a £15 million commuter airport in London's docklands moved nearer to fruition yesterday when a High Court judge threw out a bid to re-open the public inquiry into the project.

Mr Justice Glidewell rejected claims by the Greater London Council, Newham Borough Council, and a local residents campaign group, that the hearing should be re-opened. He said the refusal of Environment Secretary, Patrick Jenkin, to re-open the inquiry was not unlawful or unreasonable.

The decision means that Mr Jenkin can now give the formal go ahead for the £15 million project, which involves building a short take-off and landing airport on the site of the Royal Docks in east London.

Mr Jenkin has already hinted at approval for the plan, saying last year that he was "disposed" to recommend the development. Mr Justice Glidewell refused to quash the Minister's earlier ruling not to re-open the inquiry because he was satisfied that all parties had been given ample opportunity to make representations.

Those trying to get the hearing re-opened claimed that Mr Jenkin was legally bound to re-open the proceedings because he had disagreed with the findings of his own public inquiry inspector and that new technical evidence had some to light on aircraft noise controls.

The £15 million project will be built by Mowlem and operated by Brymon Airways of Plymouth, using special Canadian-built Dash 7 aircraft capable of taking off and landing in very short distances.

The proposed airport will occupy around 90 acres of derelict land within the Royal Docks

Brewer rejects takeover

By Geoffrey Gibbs

Blackburn brewers Matthew Brown yesterday formally rejected Scottish and Newcastle's near £100 million takeover bid for the company.

Directors of the Slalom lager and Theakston's beers concern said the revised shares and cash offer was totally inadequate and advised shareholders to take no action.

S and N increased its original £87 million offer after raising its stake in the Lancashire company to 12.5 per cent.

The terms of 14 S and N shares plus 405p in cash for every five shares in Matthew Brown value each MB share at 442p compared with a stock market price of 443p yesterday.

Matthew Brown believe the McEwan's and Tartan combine was trying to raise its stake to 15 per cent during Thursday's market raid and are encouraged by the limited success of the exercise.

The bid battle started less than a fortnight ago when S and N failed to add to its then 4.9 per cent holding in a dawn raid.

"All they seem to have achieved is to acknowledge that we are a very valuable company," commented the MB chairman, Mr Patrick Townsend, yesterday.

"The vast majority of our shareholders evidently agree and will, I hope, be reinforced in that view when they hear from us."

Britannic Assurance who own 9.5 per cent of MB indicated their support for the board at the time of the initial bid but were not available yesterday to comment on the increased offer.

However the group's defences have been shored up by recent buying by the Whitbread Investment which has a declared policy of supporting the board of a target company during a contested bid.

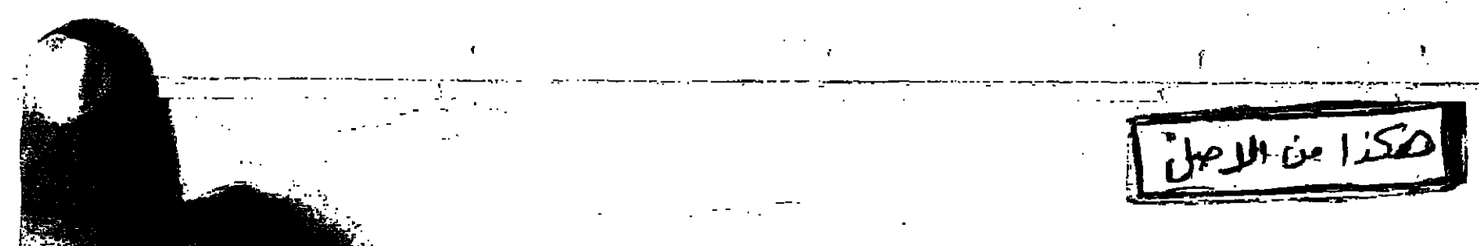
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COMPANY BRIEFING

Now IJ realises full worth

Ibstock Johnsen, the quality facing brick manufacturer whose hidden potential aroused a spate of bids from which, ironically IJ emerged still independent while the first bidder, London Brick, did not, *has now realised* its full worth. Profit doubled last year and the US and newer activities are set to contribute much more.

The quadrupled share price *is now* enabling the company to make acquisitions of its own and HF Warner, the Maidenhead clay roof tile manufacturer is being bought for £5.5 million, including directors' *compensation*. Warner's recent profitability bears comparison with IJ's own.

On turnover £23 million higher at £101.6 million, evenly divided between home and dollar business, the brick operations raised profit by getting on for half to just over £14 million. On top of that the wood pulp merchanting and packaging offshoot hit the stock appreciation and currency jackpot with a tenfold profit gain to £2.25 million. This was over a quarter of turnover, including the stake in Eucalyptus. The packaging section has been sold *subsequently*.

Pre-tax profit leaped to £12.4 million, from £6.3 million after higher interest charges of £3.5 million. The US brickmaking activities still made a small loss and there were rationalisation provisions of £4.6 million, but the turnover increase of 40 *per cent in dollar terms is* continuing into this year.

Meantime, profitability at home was passing 30 per cent of turnover as close liaison with architects and aesthetic considerations permit premium pricing. Capacity is being steadily enlarged. This policy is also being pursued in the US where the Washington DC plant is being enlarged. *Weather remains* an imponderable factor in both countries and the hard winter has handicapped the current half year.

The final dividend is being raised to 5.5p from 3.75p making the total 8p, against 5.5p paid from earnings of 26p. The shares are being split into two. Mr Paul Hyde-Thomson is confident of further gains in spite of a poor two months at home and excess pulp supplies. Besides the Warner purchase, a brick paving business has been acquired and synergy gains are confidently expected. About £1 million of the Warner purchase is *for cash. It made just* under £600,000 profit last year. At 315p up 12p after hitting 323p yesterday, Ibstock shares are up with performance.

Relyon depressed

Relyon Group, the Somerset manufacturer of mattresses and divans, yesterday reported a slight £3,000 increase in pretax profits in 1984 to £2.08 million, on sales which rose by *£1 million to £19.6 million.*

A 15 per cent rise in profits from the bedding, furniture and foam businesses was largely offset by the accounting treatment of the new Photo-Scan surveillance equipment subsidiary.

Relyon took control of *Photo-Scan last April, but the* new subsidiary made a loss in the remaining months of the year. The board is proposing a final dividend of 2.8p, making 4.45p for the year, against *4.04p last time.*

Victim to the pound

Ramus, the tile importer, fell victim to the weak pound and profit for the year to June 30 will most likely fall short of last year's. The company has a quotation on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Although turnover for the half year to December 31 *moved up* to £13.2 million, against £10.9 million, pre-tax profit dipped to £217,000, from £256,000 after heavier interest costs. Besides the effect of the higher peseta and other import prices, the furniture business performed badly.

The interim dividend stays at 1.5p net a share, but after heavier tax earnings were worse than halved to 2.5p. So far this calendar year sales are running ahead of last year in spite of the hard winter and price rises were pushed through in February. A higher market share in tiles is claimed and the stronger pound is, of course, advantageous now. The shares fell 7p to 78p.

Trust hits a peak

Scottish Heritable Trust, which won the takeover contest for the hospital equipment engineer, Hoskins and Horton, raised profit by £800,000 to a *peak £1.9 million lat year.*

Although the directors say that it would be over-optimistic to expect any further big improvement in the existing interests in carpets, hairdressing equipment and property, the new member of the group is expected to grow rapidly.

The £5 million being raised by the sale of its aggregates holding to BTR's Tilcon *subsidiary eliminates* borrowing and opens up additional scope.

The forecast final dividend of 1.4p raises the total to 2.6p, from 2.1p, covered by earnings of 10.6p. The directors add *that the first quarter of the* current year compares well with last year. The shares gained a penny to 69p.

SHARES of the weekly newspaper publishers Home Counties Newspapers jumped 20p to 148p yesterday on news of a sharp improvement in 1984 profits. On turnover 13 per cent higher at £13.1 million pre-tax profits for the year shot up from £291,000 to £1,087,000. That was before taking account of a windfall profit of £884,000 arising from the sale of part of the group's Reuters shareholding. The dividend goes up from 5p to 7p a share.

Listing sought

Scott Greenham Group, one of the leading specialist lifting contractors and crane hirers in the UK, is seeking a full listing for its shares next week with an £8.1 million share offer.

Brothers Tim and Tom Scott, joint chairmen of the company, are offering 7.4 million shares at 110p each, which amounts to 37 per cent of the group's *equity. The brothers and the* directors will retain nearly 60 per cent of the equity.

The business has grown from profits of £424,000 in 1980 to forecast pretax profits *of not less than £2 million for* the year to April 4 1984, on turnover of £12.8 million.

In short . . .

QUEENS Moat Houses has paid £2 million for the four-star Carlton Park Hotel in Rotherham. The hotel, which has a turnover of more than *£1 million*, will be renamed the Rotherham Moat House.

GEC has continued buying in its own shares with the purchase of three million more shares at 187p each.

OILFIELD Inspection Services saw an improvement in North Sea business in the second half of last year but pre-tax profit still slumped to £353,000 from £1.33 million on turnover £475,000 down at £15.2 million. The dividend is cut to 1p, from the previous 2.65p total.

CRODA is selling the printing ink business that dipped into the red in the second half of last year, when the international group as a whole made a higher profit. The buyer is part of the Inmont group of the United States. The price being paid for the United *Kingdom ink operations is not* being disclosed

FT Ordinary Share Index down 13.8 at 964.3. FT-SE 100 Index down 10.1 at 1.277.0. Pound: $1.2355; DM 3.80; Fr 11.62. Gold: $330.00. Account: March 25 to April 12. FT All Share Index down 4.12 at 616.21. Sterling Index 77.2 (1975=100). RPI 362.7 (February) up 5.4 per cent on year.

Big investors hold back but gilts stay steady

THE MARKETS

Stock markets ended the first leg of the Easter holiday account on a drab note as institutional investors remained on the sidelines and international dollar earners weakened with the currency. Uncertainty over interest rates as Barclays and Midland sat on their hands kept interest in gilts to a minimum.

The late announcement of two new "taplets" worth £750 million made little impression. Index-linked issues rallied half-a-point. Major exporters bore the brunt of the setback in leaders, where Glaxo mirrored the trend at 1085p, down 20p, still nervous about the US reception to the Zantac anti-ulcer drug. Falls in other blue chips were confined to single *figures.*

Banks remained overshadowed by South America's debt problems, showing losses to 12p. Life insurances retreated further after the sharp increases that followed the *Prudential* results earlier this week. Brokers tumbled in sympathy with their dollar earnings. The spate of company trading statements eased somewhat, but there were still *plenty of special situations* to generate excitement.

The day's most active counter was Ocean Transport which jumped 11p to 182p on press suggestions that P & O (down 5p to 348p) may make a bid. Earlier this week the company produced a useful recovery in profits but issued a cautious note on current trading.

British Aerospace continued to reflect satisfaction with the recent results and anticipation ahead of the government share sale. The shares rose another 8p to 423p, a gain of 43p since the announcement. Woolworth, which produced bumper profits and a 100 per cent scrip issue on Thursday, advanced afresh to 779p, up 30p. In contrast, French Connection fell 37p to 258p (after 258p), still upset by the company brokers forecasting full-year profits of £7.5 million, down from £10 million.

High-tech stocks staged a modest recovery and foods had a *fair sprinkling* of gains. Engineers attracted selective interest, but tobaccos were dull. Apart from the speculative favourites, oil shares were little changed. Golds rose two to *five dollars, helped by the dollar's weakness.*

Fading bid hopes trimmed 6p from TI Group at 238p, but recent good figures continued to stimulate Delta Metal 5p at 153p. Lucas encountered profit-taking after Thursday's better than expected profits, finishing 9p lower at 271p. ICI dropped 13p to 76p. Hawkers retreated 8p at 409p, and Beechams gave up 8p at 365p.

Recovery hopes however, were good for a 5p rise in Thorn-Emi at 404p. n the building sector Ibstock celebrated a free share hand-out and bumper profits with a 12p rise at 315p while Cookson awaiting results next week improved 21p at 550p. The "put through" after figures lifted Arncliffe 6p at 40p, while the reduced UK Provident stake hoisted Matthew Hall 8p at 314p.

Leading Banks retreated, still unsettled by South American debt worries. Lloyds showed the sharpest loss 12p down at 522p.

Main changes: Glaxo 1085p down 20p; P&O 348p down 5p; *OTT* 182p up *11p*; Brit Aero 423p up 8p; Woolworth 779p up 30p; French Connection 258p down 37p; Ibstock 315p up 12p; Lloyds 522p down 12p.

Stock Exchange turnover for March 28: Number of bargains 23,527; value £455.997 million.

● Frankfurt: Prices surrendered early gains to finish broadly lower as sales by foreign investors played an exaggerated role in a thin market. The Commerzbank Index finished down 2.3 points.

● Paris: Shares ended mixed with an easier bias in active trading. The market indicator was off 0.1 per cent at the end of business and declines outnumbered advances by 93 to 68.

● Tokyo: Jitters over trade *friction between Japan and its* trading partners encouraged stock prices into a decline. Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 12,580.76 (12,604.02).

● Hong Kong: Prices increased UK Provident stake ing. Hang Seng Index: 1,382.04 (1,352.76).

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,146 per tonne; 3 months £1,166 per tonne. Tin: Cash £9,635 per tonne; 3 months £9,635 per tonne. Lead: Cash £298 per tonne; 3 months £306 per tonne. Zinc: Cash £782 per tonne; 3 months £756 per tonne.

Silver: Spot 536.50p per troy oz; 3 months 554.50p. Coffee: May £2,170 per tonne; July £2,215 per tonne; Sep £2,242 per tonne; Nov £2,266 per tonne; Jan £2,245 per tonne. Cocoa: May £2,029 per tonne; July £1,973 per tonne; Sep £1,950 per tonne; Dec £1,837 per tonne; Mar £1,882 per tonne.

UNIT TRUSTS

Fund	Bid	Off
Abbey Unit Trust		
American	130.2	138.5
Comm & Gen	73.7	78.8
General	103.8	111.0
Gilt & Fxd	a109.0	115.3
Hi Income	71.7	76.3
Japan	167.6	179.2
UK Grwth	74.0	79.6
Worldwide	a146.5	155.9
Allied Hambro		
Allied Cap	191.0	202.5
Allied 1st	a162.2	171.9
Am Spec Sits	a58.4	61.9
Assets	163.2	173.8
Equity	99.3	105.3
Far East	128.4	136.1
Growth	a102.3	108.4
Gov Secs	28.5	29.7
Balanced	277.9	294.6
do Acc	419.2	444.3
High Inc	a179.2	190.0
High Yld	117.8	124.9
Income Ex	98.2	104.1
Internatl	62.3	66.0
Japan	61.8	65.7
Met Min Com	91.8	97.3
Overseas	152.4	161.5
Pacific	118.9	126.1
Recovery	56.6	60.0
Secs of Am	173.4	187.3
Smaller Cos	97.6	103.5
Sec Smaller	a128.5	136.2
Small Co Ex	169.5	179.7
Technology	83.3	88.3
US Exempt	a294.1	311.7
Arbuthnot Securities		
Comm Sh	82.4	88.1
East & Int	a96.0	102.6
Fin & Prop	44.7	47.8
Foreign Grwth	58.3	62.3
Nth Inc	56.0	59.8
Am & Int	72.0	77.0
Pref Share	25.4	27.1
Smaller Cos	93.3	99.7
Archway		
Archway Fd	214.4	228.1
Barclays Unicorn		
America	74.9	79.6
Australia	101.2	107.6
do Acc	139.0	147.8
Capital	a164.4	174.8
Exempt	310.4	330.2
Extra Inc	54.9	58.3
Financial	183.4	195.1
500 Trust	a189.7	201.8
General	a101.9	108.4
Gilt & Fixed	a51.0	53.3
Gr Pacific	97.2	103.4
do Acc	98.2	104.4
Growth Accum	137.9	146.6
Income Trust	234.1	249.0
Pref Assts		
Recovery	136.2	144.8
Trustee Fd	82.2	87.4
Worldwide	108.0	114.8
Baring Brothers		
Stratton	484.5	503.8
do Acc	718.8	747.6
Bridge		
Income	104.5	114.3
Cap Inc	102.8	109.7
do Acc	129.8	139.7
Exempt	240.0	259.0
Britannia		
Am Growth	a83.2	88.7
Am Small Cos	23.0	24.5
Am Spec Sits	69.4	74.0
Australian	a68.6	73.2
Commod	143.1	152.6
Extra Inc	50.4	53.8
Far East	40.9	43.6
Gilt	25.7	27.0
Gold & Gen	23.3	25.1
Hong Kong Perf	22.1	23.6
Inc & Gr	152.2	162.3
Jap	37.7	40.2
National	a143.1	152.6
Preference	a17.1	18.2
Smaller Cos	a112.1	119.6
Spec Mkt Sits	75.1	80.1
Un Energy	64.2	68.6
World Tech	44.0	46.9
Brown Shipley		
Exempt	158.0	169.9
Financial	a95.5	102.3
Growth	108.5	116.7
do Acc	165.2	177.6
High Inc	a47.7	51.3
Income	55.0	59.1
N Amer	51.3	55.2
Recovery	26.3	28.3
Unit Fd	48.4	52.0
Canada Life		
Gen Dist	89.5	94.2
do Acc	136.5	143.7
Inc Dist	81.4	84.6
do Acc	117.3	123.5
Chieftain		
American	45.6	48.9
Australian	18.3	20.2
Basic	—	—
Far East	—	—
High Inc	a40.1	43.0
Inc & Growth	39.2	42.0
Internatl	59.1	63.6
Pref & Gilt	—	—
Small Cos	—	—
County Bank UT Managers		
Capital Acc	217.2	231.0
Extra Inc	123.4	131.2
Financial	98.4	104.6
Growth	218.2	232.1
Income	a104.1	110.7
Portfolio	141.1	147.7
Smaller Cos	a145.0	155.3
EFM Unit Managers		
American	65.0	69.5
High Dist	84.9	90.8
Internatl	161.4	172.7
Resources	a25.0	26.7
Tokyo	102.4	109.5
Discretionary		
Income	75.8	80.0
Duncan Lawrie Fund Managers		
Growth	—	—
Income	—	—
Overseas	—	—
Equity & Law		
Eq & Law	a181.7	193.2
Far East Acc	93.3	99.2
Gilts & Fixed	a75.1	78.0
do Acc	a84.4	88.8
High Inc	141.0	149.9
do Acc	164.3	174.7
N Am Acc	122.4	130.2
UK Growth	103.1	109.6
do Acc	113.3	120.5
Fidelity		
American	82.6	89.2
Am Spec Sits	47.8	51.6
Managed	a79.9	86.9
Grwth & Inc	70.1	74.6
Japan	84.7	91.1
Max Inc Ex	55.5	59.1
Spec Sits	97.4	103.7
Framlington		
Amer & Gen	188.2	200.2
do Acc	190.2	202.2
Amer Turnrd	179.2	190.6
do Acc	183.2	194.8
Capital	a152.2	161.8
do Acc	178.8	190.2
Conv & Gilt	75.8	80.6
do Acc	94.6	100.6
Extra Inc	113.4	120.6
Income	86.2	91.6
Inter Growth	144.2	153.2
do Acc	157.8	167.8
Japan & Gen	a58.4	59.8
do Acc		
Recovery	98.6	104.8
do Acc	104.4	111.0
Friends Provident		
Equity	158.4	167.6
do Acc	255.3	270.1
Fixed In	101.6	108.6
do Acc	107.8	115.2
G & A Trust Managers		
G & A	89.5	94.9
Gartmore Fund Managers		
American	79.1	84.1
British	43.7	46.5
Commodity	68.2	72.6
Extra Inc	37.0	39.4
Far East	80.4	85.6
Gilt	a25.1	26.1
Global	108.3	115.3
High Inc	101.9	108.5
Inc	48.5	51.7
Insurance	—	—
Japan	70.8	74.4
Special Sit	72.0	76.7
Gavett		
Intn'al Grth	61.1	65.3
Guardian Royal Exchange		
Gilt	112.0	116.4
Grwth Eq	155.0	164.9
Guardhill	236.8	245.3
N American	120.6	128.4
Pacific	132.3	140.8
Prop Share	153.0	162.8
Small Cos	161.6	172.0
G.T. Unit Managers		
Capital	71.8	76.8
European	132.6	141.8
Far East	76.5	81.9
Income	62.8	67.2
Internatl	104.9	112.2
Japan	138.2	147.8
Pension	137.9	144.5
Tech & Grth	71.2	76.2
US & Gen	48.3	51.7
Lis Reserve	99.5	101.1
Henderson Administration		
Am Smaller Cos	48.0	51.6
Australian	62.8	66.6
Capital Grwth	a47.4	50.4
do Acc	a53.6	57.0
European	125.2	131.8
Euro Ex	96.7	100.7
Extra Inc	a121.0	130.1
Financial		
Fixed	a51.5	54.2
Gilt	44.5	46.8
Global Tech	93.0	98.6
High Inc	126.6	135.5
High Inc Ex	a92.8	95.7
Inc & Assets	a80.0	85.1
Inc & Grwth	105.1	112.9
do Acc	195.8	209.4
Internatl	111.9	119.2
Japan	84.8	90.0
Japan Ex	a250.9	261.4
N American	127.6	137.2
N Amer Ex	a83.8	87.8
Oil & Nat	74.8	79.3
Pref & Gilt	a46.5	49.5
Recovery	a73.4	78.2
Smllr Cos Ex		
Smallr Cos Div	75.3	80.6
Special Sit	a100.9	108.5
do Acc	a139.4	108.5
Worldwide	288.3	282.4
Hill Samuel		
British	409.5	435.7
Capital	76.4	81.3
Dollar	160.1	170.4
European	59.5	63.4
Far East	88.4	94.1
Financial	a280.4	277.1
General	299.0	314.1
Gilt & Fixed	a27.3	28.4
do Growth	37.2	38.7
High Yld	49.3	52.5
Income	60.0	63.9
Internatl	91.1	97.0
Japan Tech	28.0	29.8
Nat Res	34.6	36.9
Security	138.6	147.5
Special Sit	a79.4	84.5
James Finlay		
Fd of Invest	85.8	92.2
do Acc	124.0	133.3
High Inc	53.6	57.6
Wld Energy	a16.9	18.2
do Acc	23.2	24.9
Key Fund Managers		
Eq and Gen	163.1	175.4
Fixed	a56.2	60.4
Income	156.5	168.3
Legal & General		
Equity	a209.7	224.3
do Acc	a319.2	341.4
Gilt	67.5	71.4
Lloyds Bank		
Balanced	142.3	152.1
do Acc	244.0	260.-
Energy	53.4	57.1
do acc	57.4	61.3
Extra Inc	116.6	124.6
do Acc	196.6	210.2
Income	198.8	212.6
do Acc	371.9	397.7
N Amer	90.2	96.4
do Acc	95.8	102.4
Sm Cos & Recs	140.4	150.1
do Acc	154.1	164.8
World Grth	146.8	157.0
do Acc	203.4	217.5
Midland		
Capital	64.3	68.5
Com & Gen	122.7	130.8
Gilt & Fixed	a49.9	52.1
High Yld	115.8	123.5
Income	124.5	132.8
Japan & Pac	a154.2	164.4
N American	90.2	95.2
Overseas	78.6	83.6
Minster		
Exempt	207.2	213.2
Minster	93.1	96.1
M & G Group		
American	182.9	195.7
do Acc	208.0	222.6
Amer Recov	205.6	220.0
do Acc	219.4	234.8
Australia	a81.4	86.2
do Acc	88.2	93.5
Charibond	104.9	104.9
Charifund	298.8	298.8
Commodity	190.2	201.6
do Acc	243.1	257.7
Comp. Grth	322.6	342.0
Conv. Grth	255.1	270.4
Conv Inc	a148.7	155.6
Dividend	291.1	308.6
do Acc	808.7	857.2
European	104.4	110.7
do Acc	123.4	130.8
Extra	a162.6	172.4
do Acc	334.6	354.7
Far East	a144.1	152.7
do Acc	173.0	183.4
Fd of Invest	187.8	199.1
do Acc	285.2	302.3
General	441.3	467.8
do Acc	895.4	949.1
Gilt	a55.4	58.2
do Acc	77.0	80.8
High Inc	225.2	238.7
do Acc	571.4	605.7
Japan	454.4	482.7
do Acc	485.8	515.0
Int Growth	624.2	661.6
do Acc	969.9	1028.1
Midland	388.1	411.4
do Acc	919.8	975.0
Pension	347.4	363.0
Recovery	240.3	254.7
do Acc	300.3	318.3
2nd Gen	515.0	545.9
do Acc	976.9	1035.5
Smallr Cos	a514.4	545.3
do Acc	785.1	832.2
Trustee	324.2	343.6
National Provident		
Growth	158.3	168.5
do Acc	247.3	263.1
Overseas	a411.5	435.5
do Acc	495.8	524.7
Nel Managers		
Nelstar	—	—
do Gilt	64.2	65.8
do High Inc	59.5	62.6
do Intnl	—	—
Oppenheimer Fund Managers		
Practical	a41.0	43.7
do Acc	72.5	77.2
Pearl		
Growth	64.1	68.2
do Acc	93.1	99.1
Income	85.7	91.2
Pearl	91.0	96.9
do Acc	152.2	162.0
Prolific		
Far East	a108.8	114.4
Extra Inc	a60.1	63.9
High Inc	128.0	136.2
Internatl	86.8	93.0
N Amer	114.5	122.7
Spec Sits	146.5	155.9
Technology	119.8	128.4
Prudential Trust		
Prudential	322.3	342.8
Reliance Unit Trust		
British Life	130.2	137.7
Reliance Inc	81.5	87.1
do Acc	104.2	111.3
Ridgefield		
Income	101.7	108.2
Internatl	239.7	255.0
Rothschild Asset Management		
America	223.4	235.1
do Acc	237.3	249.7
Energy Res	188.5	189.8
Income	324.9	341.9
Smaller Cos	a108.6	114.3
Save and Prosper Group		
Capital	83.8	89.6
Comm Share	a54.7	58.1
Energy Ind	53.9	57.3
European Grwth	54.1	57.5
Exploration	34.3	36.4
Financial	67.0	71.6
Gilt Growth	71.2	72.0
Gilt Income	a50.2	52.9
High Return	128.9	137.1
High Yld	a112.2	119.3
Income	a74.1	78.8
Internatl Bond	a87.9	93.5
ITU	68.5	73.2
Japan	51.7	54.9
Japan Smllr Co	77.6	82.8
New Tech	96.5	102.6
Scotbits	94.8	101.3
Scotshares	122.8	130.6
Scotyield	a106.7	113.5
SE Asia	90.7	96.4
Select Inter	57.7	61.7
Smaller Cos	115.5	122.8
Spec Sits	73.7	78.8
UK Equity	132.7	141.9
Universal	64.8	68.9
US Growth	a61.4	65.3
Schroder Unit Trust		
American	104.0	110.8
do Acc	104.9	111.8
Australian	58.0	62.8
do Acc	62.6	66.7
Europe	a59.8	63.7
do Acc	60.7	64.7
UK Equity	77.1	82.1
do Acc	115.3	122.8
Gilt & Fixed	51.6	54.4
do Acc	71.5	75.4
Income	127.5	135.9
do Acc	268.3	285.5
Internatl	84.4	89.9
do Acc	115.5	123.1
Smaller Cos	103.7	110.5
do Acc	106.9	113.8
Tokyo	a117.7	125.4
do Acc	118.4	126.2
Pk & C Fund		
Recovery	576.7	614.8
Spec Exempt	a956.6	1020.0
Scottish Widows		
Pegasus	177.9	189.3
do Acc	197.2	209.9
Sun Alliance		
Equity Trust	296.8	336.2
Target Managers		
Amer Eagle	67.7	72.5
Commodity	102.0	109.7
Energy	47.8	51.1
Equity	101.1	107.8
Eq Exempt	629.1	671.0
Extra Inc	a84.0	89.8
Financial	196.9	210.0
Gilt Cap	209.9	219.8
Gilt Inc	a100.0	104.7
Income	a58.2	52.6
Investment	100.3	107.0
Mal & Sing	a28.6	30.5
Pacific	68.5	71.1
Preference	a15.3	16.6
Prof'nal	464.5	495.5
Special Sit	a82.7	88.9
Worldwide Cap	111.6	119.0
Trades Union		
T.U.U.T.	a124.8	131.4
Transatlantic		
Celenco	a366.4	383.3
do Acc	585.1	612.0
Fieldine	190.5	203.5
do Acc	203.8	217.7
Tyndall Managers		
Australian	64.1	68.6
do Acc	65.7	70.3
Capital	265.8	281.8
do Acc	455.2	482.6
Exempt	a216.2	230.4
do Acc	462.0	492.2
Far Eastern	a126.2	135.5
do Acc	134.1	143.9
Fin & Prop	38.8	41.4
Gilt Cap	111.7	116.1
do Acc	120.4	125.1
Gilt Inc	a101.7	105.6
do Acc	150.8	158.4
High Yield	40.7	43.4
do Acc	81.9	87.3
Income	167.8	177.8
do Acc	487.6	517.0
Internatl Grth	a58.4	62.2
do Acc	59.7	63.6
Natural Res	202.8	215.8
do Acc	284.6	303.2
N American	107.5	115.1
do Acc	121.8	130.1
Preference	107.0	114.0
do Acc	244.4	260.1
Scottish	305.4	325.4
do Acc	324.8	346.0
Smaller Cos	a144.6	154.0
Special Sits	83.2	88.7
TSB Trust		
Extra Inc	85.5	91.0
General	121.0	128.8
do Acc	191.7	204.0
Income	157.5	167.6
do Acc	232.7	247.6
Intl	227.8	242.4
do Acc	274.2	292.4
Pacific	111.1	118.2
Select Opp	a46.8	49.8
do Acc	50.2	53.5
Vanguard Trust		
Vanguard Grth	131.4	137.5
do Acc	185.9	195.5
Vang High Yld	141.9	149.4
Vang Trust	98.9	104.2
do Acc	143.0	150.6
Wardley Unit Trust Managers		
American	61.9	66.6
Australian	36.9	39.6
Nat. Res	50.0	53.2
Far East	65.2	69.4
Income	a58.9	63.4
Japan	64.8	69.7
Smaller Cos	a110.8	119.2
Technol	34.2	36.8
UK Trust	96.8	103.0

a Ex Dividend b Offer asserted c Non asserted d Ex capital e Ex rights f Price adjusted on Part Paid

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Stock	Price	Change
British Funds		
(short) Treasury		
3pc 1985	95 30/64	+5/64
9½pc 88C	94¾	
11¼pc 1985	99 9/16	
(medium) Transport		
3pc 78-88	83½	
Treasury		
10pc C96	a98¼	
Exchequer		
10pc 1989	94¾	-1/16
10½pc 1987	[illegible]	
10½pc 1988	97¾	
11pc 1990	97¾	
11pc 1991	a98¼	
11¾pc 1986	99 15/16	
12¼pc 1985	100	
12½pc 1990	103 7/16	
13¼pc 1987	102¼	
10½pc 1987	a99 3/16	
13¼pc 1992	109¼	
13½pc 1994	a109¼	
14pc 1986	a103 5/16	
2½pc 1986	89	
Funding		
5½pc 87-91	a81¾	
6¼pc 85-87	a91¼	
Treasury		
10pc 1987	98¼	
2pc IL 88	a109¼	+¼
13¼pc 1989	95 13/16	
3pc 1987	86¼	
5pc 1986	93¼	
5pc 86-89	a81¼	
7¾pc 85-88	92	
8¼pc 87-90	92¼	
10pc 90C	a92¼	
8¼pc 84-86	96¼	
9¼pc C89	a93 7/16	
10pc 1992	94¼	
10pc C92	100¼	
10¼pc 87C	99 7/16	
11½pc 1989	99⅝	
11¾pc 1991	100	
13pc 1990	105 7/16	
(long) Exchequer		
10¼pc 1995	95¼	
10¼pc 1997	96¼	
12pc 1998	111	
12pc 99-02	108¼	
12pc 13-17	119	
12¼pc 1992	104¼	
12¼pc 1999	106	
12¼pc 1994	106¼	
13¼pc 1996	117¼	
15pc 1997	a122	
9¼pc 1998	92½	
3½pc 98A	85½	
Funding		
6pc 1993	78¼	
3½pc 99-04	49¼	
Treasury		
2pc IL 1996	111¼	+½
2½pc IL 01	100½	+¼
2pc IL 2006	103¼	+¼
2½pc IL 16	95¼	+¼
5½pc 08-12	58½	
6¾pc 05-8	72¼	
7¾pc 12-15	80¼	
8pc 02-06	a90¼	
8¼pc 1997	85½	
9pc 1994	91¼	
9pc 1992-96	87¼	
9½pc 1999	92	
10¼pc 99C	98¼	
10½pc 1999	100	
11¼pc 01-04	106¼	
11¼pc 03-07	110¼	
12pc 1995	104¼	
12pc 1987	a100¼	
12½pc 1993	107¼	
12½pc 2005	118¼	
12¼pc 1992	108	
13½pc 1995	112¼	
13pc 2000	116¼	
13¼pc 1997	115	
13¼pc 04-08	122¼	
2½pc IL 09	100½	+¼
2½pc IL 11	104¼	+¼
2½pc IL 20	a87¼	+¼
13¼pc 1993	116	
13½pc 00-03	121¼	
14pc 1996	117¼	
14pc 98-01	122¼	
14½pc 1994	117¼	
15¼pc 1996	a122¼	
15½pc 1998	a127¼	
2½pc 2020	a93¼	+¼
Redemption		
3pc 86-96	a73¼	
Gas		
3pc 90-95	a67¼	
(undated) Consols		
2½pc	a24¼	
4pc	39¼	
Conversion		
3½pc	a42¼	
9½pc 01	a94¼	
10pc 02	a94¼	
Treasury		
2½pc	a24¼	
3pc	a29	
War Loan		
3½pc	a35¼	
Commnwlth Bnds		
NZ 7¼pc 83-86	£96¼	
S Rhodesia 2½pc 65-70	£180	
Corps & Boards		
Manchester 3pc 28	£24¼	
Met. Water 3pc 'B'	£28¼	
Banks & Disc Hses		
Allied Irish	101	+3
Ansbacher H.	85	
ANZ Gp	258	-5
Bank Ireland	230	+5
Bnk Scot	474	-5
Barclays Bnk	a582	-5
Brown Ship	398	
Cater Allen	535	-5
Clive Dis	66	
First Nat	9¼	-1
Gerrard & N	364	+5
Goode D&M	94	
Guinness Pt	75	
Hambros Shh	156	
Hill Sam	306	-2
H.K. & Shai	88¼	+¼
King & Sx	156	
Kleinwrt	a450	-5
Lloyds	a522	-12
Mercury Sec	408	
Midland	a322	-7
Nat West	a619	-8
Rea Bros-A	73	
Ryl Bk Scot	e268	-5
Schroders	a753	
S. St. Asb	65	
Std Chtrd	a454	-8
Union Dis	748	
Westpac	198	-3
Wintrust	a258	
Financial Trusts		
Armour Tst	20¼	
Aust Agr	235	
Brit Arrow	89	
Daily M Tr A	£11¼	-¼
Dalgety	485	-3
Exco	868	-20
Inchcape	403	-7
Lon Inv Tst	27¼	
M & G Hdgs	545	
Mnsn Fin	27	
Martin RP	440	
Nash Secs	36	
Prov Fin	a212	
Rothschild, J	104	
Slater Dorby	78	
Smith Bros	98	-1
Wagon Fin	73	
Breweries		
Ald Lyons	173	
Bass	537	-2
Bell A	138	
Belhaven	54	+1
Bodd Brew	a73	
Brown M	443	+3
Bulmer HP	134	
Davenport	243	
Devenish	555	
Distillers	282	-2
Forshaws	440	
Greenall W	168	-1
Greene King	152	+2
Guinness	248	+1
Highland Dist	74	+1
Higsons Brew	120	
Invergordon	a129	
Marston Thm	65	
Scot Nw Brw	129	+1½
Try City Lnd	82	-1
Vaux Brew	295	+7
Whitbread A	189	-2
Whitbrd Inv	174	+2
Wolver & Du	302	+4
Comm & Ind		
AAH	a149	+1
AC Cars	33	
AGB Res	a237	
Al Ind	38	
APV Hdgs	226	
Aaronson	a99	
Adwest	156	-1
Alcan Al	£20¼	-1
Allen WG	Suspended	
All Colloid	216	-2
All Plant	22	
Amber Day	71	
AMEC	248	-3
Amersham	338	-3
Amstrad	a58	-1
Anchor Ch	39½	
Ang TV-A	a133	-2
Ang-A Ind	a191	
Applegard	a54	
Armson	30	
Argyll Grp	273	-3
Arlington	171	
Austn Ea	a371	
Asscliffe	40	+6
Ash & Lacy	472	
Ass Book	468	
Ass B Em	111	
Ass B Fds	222	
AB Ports	283	+7
Ass Dairies	158	-2
Ass Eng	143	-1
Ass Fish	a110	
Ass News	405	-10
Ass Paper	200	-1
Astra	71	-1
Audiotronic	5¼	
Ault & W	42	-1
Auto Prod	83	
Avana	a604	-5
Avon Rbr	296	-2
BAT Ind	321	-5
BBA	76	
BPB Ind	258	
BSR	118	-2
BTR	a601	-3
Babcock	152	-1
Bailey B	27	
Bailey CH	22	+1
Baird (W)	348	-2
Bairstow	a74	
Baker P	201	
Barro	93	
Barbican	35	
Barker Dob	72	
Barr & W A	98	
Barratt Dv	72	
Barrow HP	a421	-1
Bassett (G)	168	-2
Beatson CK	a145	
Beattie A	138	
Beazer	408	+4
Beckman (A)	94	
Beecham	365	+8
Bejam	a168	-2
Benrose	151	-2
Bentalls	67	+1
Berzid SW	a164	+1
Berisfords	104	
Bespak	203	
Bestobell	225	
Bntex	78	+3
Bett Bros	84	
Bibby (J)	a240	-5
BICC	251	
Biddle	182	
Billam	103	
Birmid Q	a83	+2
B'ham Mint	205	
BL Ord	41	
Black P	a218	
Blkwd Hdg	25	
Blagden Inds	Suspended	
Bluebird	73	
Blue Circle	518	-2
Blundell P	a125	
BOC Grp	a286	-1
Bolton Txt	19	-4
Booker MC	250	-2
Boosey H	134	
Boots	198	-5
Borthwick	33	
Boulton W	9	
Bowater	259	-2
Bowthorpe	432	
Braithwaite	122	
Bremner	305	+8
Brasway	56	+1
Brick Dud	a63	
Bridon	144	+2
Br Aero	423	+8
Br Bz Cm	131	
Br Car A	85	
BET Dfd	a290	+2
BHS	289	-3
BNS	121	-1
Br Mohair	79	-1
BPC		
Br Tar Prd	89	-1
Br Vending	a82	
Br Vita	a181	
Brock Eng	a16	
Brook St	114	
Brown & J	16	
Brn Bv Kent	91	+2
Brown (J)	32	
Brown T'nse	127	
Brunsder	147	-1
Brntons	72	
Bryant	72	-1
BSG Intl	251	
Bullough	a286	-2
Bulmer LB	71	
Bunzl	a481	-2
Burnett HL	90	
Burns And	55	
Burton Grd	454	-3
Butlerfld Hvy	26	
Cable Wire	a505	-10
Caby Sch	156	-1
Cam Elec Ind	a313	
Canford	a34	+3
Canning W	104	+3
Cape Inds	50	
Carclo Eng	289	
Carless Cpl	153	
Carpets Int	49½	
Carr (J)	57	
Carr's Mill	133	
Casket S	49	-2
Castings	62	-1
Cattle's	a291	
Cem Rod	64	
Cen & Sher	9	
Central TV	185	
C.H. Inds	57	
Ch'lain Pho	76½	
Chamb Tun	145	
Chloride	34	
Christie Tyl	a421	
Christies In	611	-2
Clay (R)	106	
Clyde Blwrs	130	
Coalite Gp	233	-1
Coates Brd	177	
Coates 'A'	149	
Coats Pats	152	
CG Group	107	+1
Collins Ord	800	
Collins 'A'	558	-2
Combus	77	
Comb Eng	116	-2
Cons	277	-5
Concentric	71	
Cookson	550	+21
Cooper Ind	12	
Cope Alum	190	
Corah	a75	
Cosalt	55	
Costain Grp	348	
Countryside	a318	
Court Furn	a155	
Courtaulds	141	-3
Cwn de Ct	a38	
Crest N'son	a91	
Croda Intl	137	-1
do dfd	96	+2
Crown Hse	158	
Crystalate	173	+2
DRG	171	-2
Dale Elec	a70	
Dale Grbs	Suspended	
DPCE	a460	
Davis, HM	158	
Davies (C)	116	
Davy Corp	a109	-2
Dens Int	278	
De La Rue	885	-5
Debenhams	212	-4
Dee Corp	277	
Delta Met	153	+5
Derritend St	143	
Desoutter	198	
Dewhirst	88	-2
Dewhurst & I	a38	
Diamond S	34	
Dixons Grp	654	+7
Dobson Pk	321	-1
Dom Hlds	78	
Dominion Int	80	+2
Douglas R	51	
Dwdg Mills	67½	
Dowty	a216	-1
Dubilier	184	+2
Dufay Bit	38	
Dunhill	313	-3
Dunlop	66½	
Dupert	29	
ERF	38	
Extn Price	378	-2
Edbro	145	
Elbar Ind	30	
Eleco Hdgs	a93	
EIS	203	
Elect Cmpts	278	-2
Elect Mchn	a52	
Elect Rentls	43	
Elliot B	75	-1
Ellis & Evd	246	-2
Ellis Gold	80	+1
Elswick-H	10½	
Emess Light	280	-5
Energy	163	+1
Empire Sts	102	-2
Eng China	a273	-5
Erith	62	
Eur Ferries	143	-5½
do 5pc Pref	104	
Eurotherm	a340	
Excalibur	101	
Exp Metal	323	
Ertel	106	+1
Farnell El	174	
FEB Intl	105	-3
Fenner	135	
Ferranti	149	
Ferguson	139	
Fine Art	81	-2
Finlan J	88	
Finlay	142	
First Castle	112	
First Leisure	a283	
Fisons	a718	-2
Fitch Lvl	a144	-1
Flect	a281	
Folkes NV	27	
Ford (Mtr)	a401	-1
Forminster	145	
Foseco M	237	
Foster Bros	210	
Fothergill	162	-1
Freemans	208	+2
Friedland DG	183	-2
French T	70	
French KR	119	
Galliford	a54	
Garford L	88	
Garton Eng	63	
Gates G	142	
GEI Intl	88	
Gen Elect	a186	-2
Gill & Duff	156	-1
Glaxo	£10 57/64	-13/64
Gleeson	220	
Glynwed	205	
Golding (A)	44	
Gomme	43	-2
Grampian	115	
Granada	a192	
Grand Met	a280	-2
Gratton W	a176	-2
GUS Ord	a807	-2
GUS 'A'	a784	-8
Greenbank	35	
Greenfield	40	
Greenall	131	
GKN	a224	
GRT Grp	96	-1
HTV NV	a128	
Habitat M	a344	
Haden	272	+2
Hall Eng	132	+2
Hall (Mat)	334	+8
Halma	243	
Halstead J	92	-2
Hampson	25½	-½
Hanson Tr	210	-2
Hargreaves	107	
Harris Qay	186	
Har & Cros	420	
Hartwells	97	
Hawker S	403	-8
Hawtin	a20½	
Hawth Cer	131	-1
Hewth Ord	180	
Hestair	78	
Hewden S	42	
Hickhg P	a50	
Hickson	485	-3
Higgs & H	310	+2
Hill & Sm	d77	
Hillards	a322	
Hollas Gp	a22	
Hollis Bros	88	+6
Holt Lloyd	88	-1
Home Charm	230	+4
Hopkinson	171	-1
Horizon Trl	121	
Hse of Frs	a396	
Hse of Lrs	a178	
How'd Mac	8½	
Howden Gp	a93	-1
Ibstock Jnn	315	+12
Illwth Mrs	70	+3
Illwth Mrs A	68	+2
ICI	a764	-10
IMI	114½	-7
Imperial Gp	a183	-4
Ingram H	115	-5
Initial	524	
Int Thom Org	492	-5
Jessups	71	-1
J'son Clprs	442	+2
Johnson FB	18	+½
J'son Mthy	73	
Johnston	160	
Jones & Sh	a89	
Jones E	a82	-1
Jones Strd	a133	
Jourdan T	a126	
Kalamazoo	27	
Kennedy B	a275	
Kershaw	a109	
Kwikfit	33	
Kwik Save	180	
LCP	132	+1
LRC Int	a108	+1
Ladbroke	257	-1
Ladies Pr	a23	
Laing-'A'	213	
Laird Grp	161	-1
Lake & Ell	83	-2
Lasalt	213	
Laporte Ind	403	-2
Lawtex	a70	+1
Lep Grp	251	
Lex Service	a207	-2
Leyland Pt	34	
Lilley FJC	68	
Linread	37	
Lister	51	
Lloyd (FH)	58	-1
Locker Thos	231	-1
Logica	294	+5
Lon & Midl'd	187	-2
Ldn Nor G	80	
Lon Pk Htl	380	
Longton	94	
Lonrho	a177	+6
Lookers	a87	
Lovell Y J	a203	
Low & Bonar	425	+2
Low (Wm)	588	
Lowe R H	24	
Lucas Inds	271	-9
MCD Grp	99	
MFI Furn	a227	-2
MK Elec	273	+2
MY Dart	25½	
Macarthys	a182	
McC'dale	171	+3
Mackay (H)	a84	
McKechnie	142	-1
Magnet S	a130	
Mngmt Ag	Suspended	
Mchstr Ship	a319	-3
Manders	174	
Mang Brz	a61	
Manor Ntrs	12½	
Marks & Spn	144	-1
Marley	a87	-1
Marling Ind	83	-1
Marshalls H	a223	
Marsh'l Un	89	
Mn-Black	Suspended	
Martin (A)	54	
Martonair	358	
Matthews B	314	+5
Maunders J	a124	
May & Hassl	90	
Maynards	251	-5
McAlpine A	a242	+2
Menzies J	238	-3
Metal Box	395	-15
Metal Clos	158	+2
Metalrax	a72	+2
Metsecec	Suspended	
Meyer	127	
Miller S	18	
Milletts	126	
Ms Intl	44	-1
M & Allen	385	-10
Mitchell CT	a70	
Molins	144	+2
Monk A	121	
More O'Fl	88	
Morgan Cr	212	-1
Moss Bros	340	
Mowlem	206	
Muirhead	a148	
Myson Grp	73½	-1
NSS News	110	-2
Negretti	141	-1
Neill & Spnr	35	
Neill J	137	+1
Newarthill	615	
Newman-T	88	
Newmark	200	
News Intl	a805	+15
Nichols Vim	a212	
Norcros	155	+1
North Eng	81	-1
N. Foods	226	
Norton Opax	126	
Nova Kit	Suspended	
Natts Mandy	220	
Nurdin & P	176	
Octopus Gp	945	
Office & El	163	
Ogilvy Mat	£31 21/32	-5/16
Owen O	178	
Oxford Ins	a286	
Parker Kn 'A'	a182	
Pkind Text	a101	
Patterson Z	a148	
do 'A'	a150	+2
Pauls & W	363	
Pearson (S)	630	+2
Peel Hldgs	a350	
Peerless	50	
Pegler-Htly	284	
Pentl'd Inds	529	-5
Pentos	43½	
Petbow Hold	55	
Philcom	40	
Philips	£13½	-3/16
Phoenix Tmb	130	
Photo-Me	£11	
Pifco Hldgs	a145	-10
Pilkington	285	-1
Pittard	a118	
Planet Gp	80	
Platignum	10½	
Plaxton's	85	
Pleasurama	450	-3
Plessey	a192	-4
Plysu	218	
Pochins	190	
Portals	565	-10
Porter Chad	111	-2
Powell Duff	d260	
Preedy	108	
Pressac	111	+10
Priest (B)	91	
PoW Hlts	112	
Pritchard	88	-½
Prop Rey	184	
Queens Moat	57½	
Quick H & J	42	
Rea Ridas	e857	
Racal Elect	212	-2
Ransm Txt	22½	-½
Rank Org	a340	-8
Ranks Hov	155	-1
RHP	114	-1
Ransm S J	a588	-5
Ratclf (FS)	67	
Raybeck	27½	-½
Readicut	29½	-1
Reckitt & C	545	
Redfearn	78	
Redland	288	-2
Redman In	Suspended	
Reed (A)-A	109	
Reed Exec	133	
Reed Int	558	-4
Renold	e50½	-1½
Rentokil	a171	+1
Renwick	145	
Restmore	120	
Reuters	a353	-2
Rexmore	22	
RFD Grp	47	
Rich Leics	43	
Rich West	79	
RMC Gp	378	
Roberts Adld	110	
Rbsn (Ths)	52	
Rock PLC	121	
Rockware	49	+3
Ropner H	156	+3
Rotaflex	168	-2
Rothmans In	180	-1
Rowlinson	32	
Royco	410	-5
Ruberoid	200	
Rugby P C	131	-1
S & U Strs	20	
SGB Grp	a152	
Saatchi C	a885	+25
Sainsbury J	312	+6
Sale Tilney	a610	-5
Samuel-A	84	
Sandhurst	78	
Sangers	a82	-2
Savile G	a93	-1
Savoy-'A'	351	
Scapa Group	458	-7
Scholes	a425	+3
SEET	168	-2
Scoteros	Suspended	
Sears Hdgs	85½	-½
Securicor	a236	
Securicor A	a234	
Security S	a234	-3
Seker Intl	54	
Sellincourt	25½	+½
Senior Eng	23	
Sharna	59	
Shaw Cat	41	
Shiloh Spn	45	
Sirdaw	155	+1
Silentnight	a78	
Simon Eng	256	-4
Sirdar	a125	
Sketchley	331	-17
Smith DS	132	
Smith Hlgs	43	
Smith/Neph	223	-7
Smith WH 'A'	205	
Smiths Ind	199	-2
Scomit (J)	127	
Sols Law	42	
Sparrow GW	38	
Spr & Jcks	133	
Spirax-Sarco	272	-2
Squirrel H	27	
Staff Potts	85	-3
Sta Furn	53	-1
Stakis (R)	a69	-1
STC	e198	-4
Stanley AG	83	
Star Comp	43	+2
Staveley Ind	319	-2
Std Sim A	171	-2
Steel Bros	55½	
Steetley	31½	
Steinberg	72	
Stewart Pl	100	-1
Stirlg Grp	78	
Stocklake	a135	+2
Stoth & Pit	115	
Strong & F	a139	
Sumner	9	
Sthern Wo	60	
Sutcliffe	32	
Sycamore	25	
TI Group	a238	-6
TACE	491	
Tarmac	510	
Tate & Lyle	475	-2
Tay Rmt	60	
Tlr Woodrow	335	
Telefusion	a29	
Tele Rents	201	
Tesco	244	-1
Text Jersey	a72	
Thorn	401	+5
Thor Brdr	20	
Tomkins FH	a173	+1
Tootal	72	-3
Tr Hrlsoar	a79	
TZ Ko Ml	32	
Trafar Hse	a335	-2
Trans Dv	a124	-1
Travis & A	233	
Trident 'A'	a251	
Trinity	a258	
Triplex FS	34	
Trusthouse	a142	-2
Turner & N	101	-1
Turriff	340	
UBM	185	-1
UKO Int	132	+4
Unigate	a152	-1
Unilever	£11 21/32	-13/64
Utd Bisc	a181	
Utd Parcels	93	
Utd News	308	-2
Utd Scient	a173	+2
Utd Wire	132	-1
Valor	e214	+1
Vantona	322	
VG Instrs	289	
Vibroplant	148	
Vickers	a249	-7
Vict Carpt	40	+2
Vola	133	+3
WGI	79	
Wadd J	595	-5
Wade Potts	138	+17
Wadkin	131	
Wagon Ind	133	
Ward Hldgs	a183	-2
Ward White	235	
Waring & G	a149	
Waterford	461	
Wats Blk	243	
Wedgwood	196	-1
Weir Group	58	
Wellman Eng	15	
Westland	102	-4
Wettern	68	
Whessoe	104	-1
Whitecroft	130	-1
W'sale Fit	a257	
Widney	26	
Wigfall (H)	e108	
Wilkes (J)	a255	-19
Wilms Cdf	191	
W'lms Hlds	273	+5
Wimpey G	101	
Wolse-Hughs	321	
Wolst Bz	a325	+7
Woodhead	22	
Wolse & Rx	a271	
Woolworth	779	+30
Yks Chem	a75	
Insurance		
Alexander	£25	
Britannic	684	-8
Comm Un	a204	-2
Equity & L	253	-5
Genl Accdt	535	-14
GRE	683	-8
Heath C E	620	-10
Hogg Rob'sn	278	-5
Legl & Gn	678	-17
Lon & Mcr	709	-5
Lon Utd	288	-5
Marsh & Mcl	a£49½	-½
Minet Hldgs	298	-4
Pearl	£11 37/64	-5/32
Prudential	683	-8
Refuge	a338	-2
Royal	a583	-10
Sedgwick	a381	-3
S. Wrtson	607	-20
Sun Al & L	470	-8
Sun Life	817	-12
Trade Indem	330	
Willis Fabr	652	-10
Windsor Sec	49	
Investment Trusts		
Alliance Trst	a829	-5
Amr Tr	137	+1
AA Secs C	a268	-4
Ashdown	d132	
Atlas AT	110	+2
Bankers In	86	+1
Brit Amer	a105	+1
Brit Assets	a135	
Brit IT	358	-2
City & Cml	a34½	
Cons Vent	112	
Derby Inc	102	
Derby Cap	102	
Drayton Jap	a388	
Drayton Con	288	+1
Drayton Prem	a390	-4
Edin Am	a204	+6
Electra	122	-1
Eng & Int	245	
F&C Pac	151	
F & C Alliance	90	
Family IT	a206	
First Union	a180	
Fleming FE	286	
Fleming Mer	a172	-1
Fleming Ovs	113	+1
Fleming Tech	149	
For & Col	a136	-1
Fundinvest	42	
Fundinvest C	324	
Gen Funds	a610	-8
Gen Stock	156	
Globe IT	261	+1
Hambros	152	
Hill (P) IT	231	-2
Inv in Suc	a533	
Jove Cap	18	
do Inc	a50	
Law Deb C	a180	-2
Ldn Gar	301	
Lon M Sec	72	
M & G Inc	304	
M & G Cap	479	
Merchants	a91	-1
Murray Inc	113	
do 'B'	110	
Murray Grth	a92	-1
Murray Int	a117	-1
Murray Sml	176	-6
do 'B'	174	-2
Murray Vent	288	+1
N'Thr Inc	381	
N'Thr Cap	30	
River & M	183	
Robeco	£16⅝	-⅛
Rolinco	£15½	
Scot Amer In	220	-1
Scot North	124	-1
Sec Alliance	a562	-2
Shires IT	a237	
Smaller CPS	72	-2
Stockhlders	125	-1
Tr Aust IT	91	+1
Tr Ind Gen	142	-1
Tr Tech IT	87	-1
Tr Trustee	129	
Throgm Tr	a232	-1
Travest Inc	78	
Travest Cap	780	
Viking	74	
SA Mines		
AA Corp	$13½	+½
AA Gold	a$91	+5
Blyvoor GM	$8 11/16	+1/16
Bracken M	a205c	+5
Buffs GM	$43½	+2
Doornfntn	$17½	+½
Driefontein	$28½	+1½
E Rand Pr	57½	
Fr Stt Ged	a$28½	+1
Gencor	e$14½	+½
GSFA	$17½	+1
Groot Prop	$9½	+½
Harmony	a$16½	+½
Hartebeest G	588c	+15
Joburg C In	$99½	+4
Kloof GM	$41½	+1½
Leslie GM	a285c	
Loraine	390c	+10
Mid Wit W	$11½	
Pres Brand	$29½	+1
Pres Steyn	$32	+1
Randfontn	$107½	+5
St Helena	$17	+1
SA Land	313c	+13
Stilfnt GM	$8½	+1
Vaal Reefs	$101	+4
Venters GM	$9½	+½
Vlakfntn	188c	+13
Welkom	$8½	+7/16
W Rand C	55½	+1
W Deep L	$40½	+2½
Wstn Hgs	$35½	+1
Winkelhk	a$33½	
Mining		
A-A Inv T	£42½	+½
Ayer Hitam	280	
Br Hill Pr	338	-7
CharterCon	196	
Cons Gold	a529	-2
Cons Murch	£4½	-½
De Beers Pr	55	
Hmp GMA	a200	
M'lay T Dr	48	
Mamt (Tr)	89	+5
MTD (Man)	15	
Nth B Hill	137	-3
Rio Tinto Z	659	-3
Tronoh Mns	275	
Vogels MT	110	
W Mining C	228	-2
Zinc Cop In	17	
New Issues		
B Telecom	140½	-3½
Jaguar	a295	-4
Osprey	76	
Our Price	a370	
Robertson R	244	
Oil		
Amil Pet	53	-2
Brit-Borneo	312	
Bristol	25	
BP	a540	-1
Britoil	a213	
Burmah	207	
Century	77	
Charterhall	49	
C'house Pet	112	
Clyde Pet	95	-3
Enterprise	198	-2
Hunting Pt	136	
Imp C Gas	346	
LASMO Ops	480	-20
LASMO Ord	350	+2
Petrocon	a187	-3
Premier Con	e48½	-1½
Ryl D	£45 31/64	-3/32
Shell Trns	a705	+2
Tricentrol	e233	+10
Ultramar	a228	+10
Property		
Allied Londn	105	
Bellway	118	
Bilton (P)	232	
Bradford Pro	400	
Brit Land	148	+2
Brixtn Est	129	
Cap & Cnt	211	
Chrcl Est	a223	
Chesterfield	455	
Cmmlls Est	115	+5
Control Sec I	a30	-1
Daejan	385	
Est Prp Inv	a150	+1
Evans-Leeds	72	+1
Grt Port E	156	+2
Greycoat	214	
Hamsen-A	465	-5
Haslemere	478	
Laing Prop	a286	-2
Land Sec	292	-1
Lyndon	318	
Marlborough	54	
MEPC	308	
Mountleigh	e290	
Mountview	325	-5
Muckdow	82	
Peachey Pr	a247	
Prop Hldg	127	+3
Prop Sec In	a127	-1
Raglan	8½	
Rush & T	236	
Samuel Prop	153	
Scot Met P	87	+1
Slough Ests	130	+1
Sterling	68	
Stock Conv	451	-9
Trafld Pk	a205	
Utd Real	a525	+5
Warnford	a420	
Webb (J)	a22	
Rubber		
Barlow Hlds	a113	-2
Grnd Cent	11½	
High & Low	a82	
Shipping		
Br & Com	278	
Common Br	73	
Hunting G	95	-1
IOM Stm	128	-2
Jacobs (J)	60	
LOFS	31	
Ocean T & T	182	+11
P & O Dfd	a348	-5
Reardon 'A'	16	-2
Runciman	94	
Tea & Coffee		
Camellia	a£24½	
Lawrie	£18½	

a Ex dividend b Offer asserted c Non asserted d Ex capital e Ex rights f Price adjusted on Part Paid

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES—BANK SELLS

Austria	26.50	Greece	160.00	Portugal	203.00
Belgium	75.50	Ireland	1.21	Spain	207.00
Canada	1.69	Italy	2,410	Sweden	10.94
Denmark	13.50	Malta	0.55	Switzerland	3.17
France	11.49	Netherlands	4.24	USA	1.235
Germany	3.76	Norway	10.93	Yugoslavia	268.00

STERLING RATES

	Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates	FORWARD RATES (One month)
Australia	1.7625–1.7655	1.7195–1.7205	
Austria	26.62–26.85	26.91–27.01	16.375 to 14.50 gros prem.
Belgium	76.42–76.97	77.09–77.34	28c to 13c premium
Canada	1.6830–1.6935	1.6766–1.6830	0.51c to 0.35c premium
Denmark	13.55–13.63	13.71–13.76	2.875 to 1.75 ore premium
France	11.59–11.67	11.59–11.64	3.25c to 2.50c premium
Germany	3.79–3.82	3.83–3.84	2.875 to 1.875 pfg premium
Greece	165.59–168.09	164.12–167.50	
Hong Kong	9.60–9.63	9.41–9.43	
Ireland	1.2165–1.2175	1.2270–1.2280	
Italy	2,425.54–2,448.76	2,450.17–2,460.31	2 premium to 6 discount lire
Japan	309.24–310.86	309.93–310.81	
Netherlands	4.28–4.31	4.31–4.33	2.875c to 1.875c premium
Norway	10.96–11.03	11.04–11.08	1.375 to 0.25 ore premium
Portugal	212.08–217.89	214.64–218.67	150 to 540 escudos discount
Spain	212.51–213.99	212.86–213.75	
Sweden	11.00–11.07	11.05–11.09	0.375 to 0.75 ore discount
Switzerland	3.20–3.22	3.24–3.25	2.75c to 1.75c premium
USA	1.2330–1.2380	1.2280–1.2300	0.50c to 0.47c premium

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.60; French franc 9.40; DM 3.08; yen 251.0

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit: 7.5–7.875 net
Bank base rate: 13–13.5
Bank overdraft: 16–18.5
Building society mortgage: 13
Building society: 7.75 net
Finance house rate: 12.5

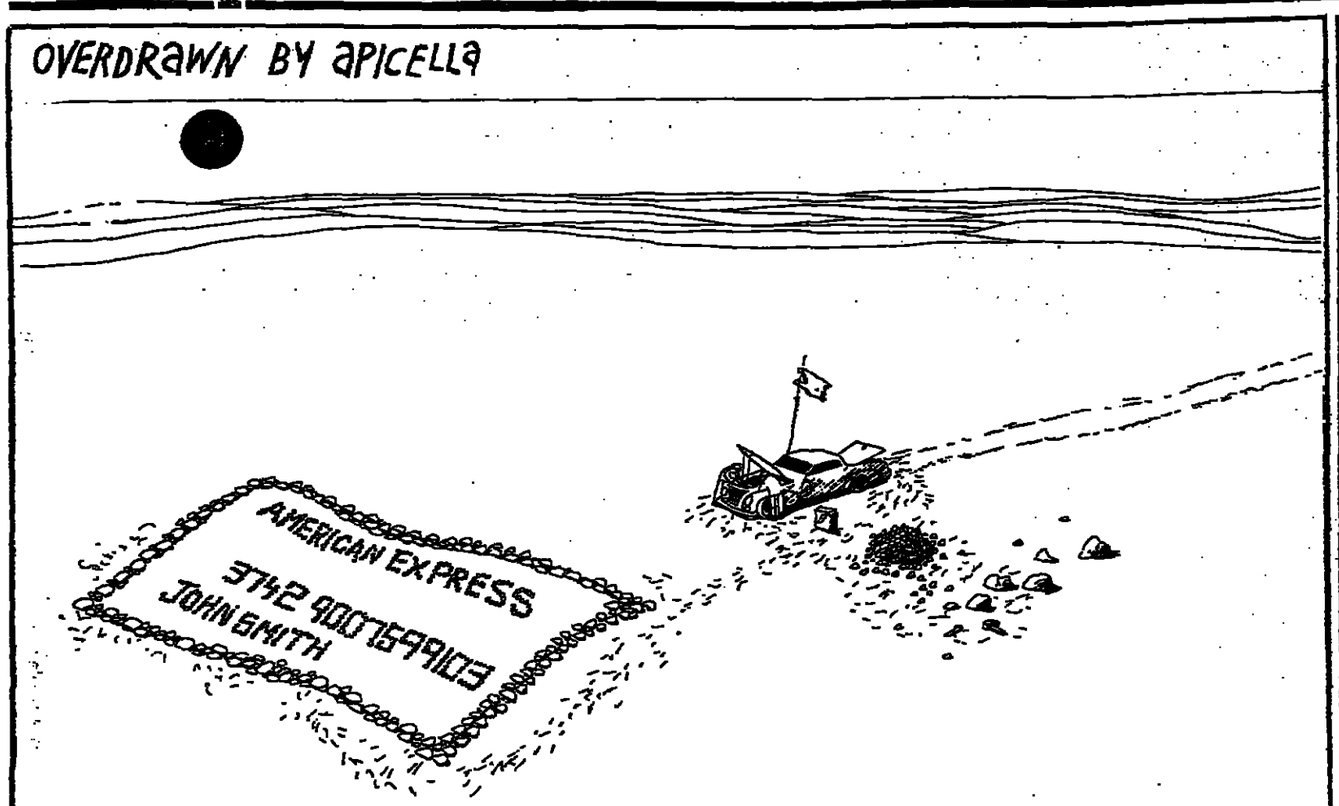
UK MONEY MARKETS %

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury bills	—	12 13/16	12½	—
Eligible bills	—	12 13/16	12¼	11½
Interbank rate	13 13/16	13 11/16	13 5/16	12½
Discount market	13½	—	—	—

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS %

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	8¾	9½	9 9/16
Euro DM	5 13/16	6	6¼
Euro Fr fr	10 11/16	10 13/16	11 7/16
Euro SW fr	5 7/16	5 11/16	5 11/16

US INTEREST RATES: Federal funds 8½ US prime rates 10½



What exactly is a unit trust?

Christine Stopp on a form of investment that is not so well understood as it might be

UNIT TRUSTS, so heavily advertised in the press nowadays, are often the subject of letters to Weekend Money. Typical comments: "I have always thought of unit trusts as big league stuff"; "I wondered if unit trusts can possibly be as good as they sound"; "I have always felt they might be suspect because they might be investing in businesses of which I disapproved, such as armaments."

A unit trust, as its name implies, is a trust fund which holds shares in companies on the London or overseas stock exchanges. The total assets of the trust are divided into units, which are owned by the unit holders, instead of directly owning the underlying shares.

The original idea of unit trusts was to make a spread of shares available to the small investor. This is important because the more you spread your holdings of shares, the more you spread your risk. However, to hold a large spread of shares direct, you would need a large amount of money. As a guide, stockbrokers usually put a minimum of £50,000 or even £100,000 on the share portfolios they manage.

Many unit trusts have a minimum investment of less than £1,000. With £500 or even £250 there is still quite a wide choice of funds. Many unit trusts can also be bought through regular savings plans with a minimum monthly *investment of only £20 or £30.*

However, the mere fact of having enough money to go into unit trusts does not necessarily mean that they are the best investment for every individual. Because unit prices are based on underlying shares, and share prices go up and down, the value of a unit trust investment can fluctuate, which means it is possible to lose money.

In 1984, the top performing unit trust grew in value by more than 50 per cent. Investors in the worst performer would have found they had lost almost 25 per cent of their money. Choice of unit trusts is therefore all important, but success is not totally arbitrary: the funds which performed badly over the year belonged mostly to the commodities, natural resources and energy sectors, or to the Australian sector where the whole economy depends largely on the same types of industry.

The average performance of each sector was as follows: UK General: 25.8 per cent; UK Growth 21.3 per cent; UK Equity Income: 29.1 per cent; Mixed Income: 25.2 per cent; Gilt Growth: 5.7 per cent; Gilt Income: 5.3 per cent. Investment Trust Units: 18 per cent; Financial and Property Shares: 18.1 per cent; International: 11.3 per cent; North America: 6 per cent; Europe: 17.6 per cent; Australia: 7.5 per cent; Japan: 23.7 per cent; North America: 6 per cent; Europe: 17.6 per cent; Australia: -7.5 per cent; Japan: 23.7 per cent; Far Eastern: 15.6 per cent; Commodity and Energy: -5.7 per cent.

These are averages. The top funds in each sector performed much better (or not nearly so badly). The problem about unit trust performance figures is that they refer to past performance. Things will undoubtedly be different in 1985, and 1984s top sectors may not perform nearly as well. However, different sectors are regarded as having different levels of risk. In general, the more specialised a sector, the more risky it is likely to be: UK General or International trusts should be *less volatile than, say, trusts* in the Japan or Commodity sectors.

Unit trusts may be a suitable investment for you if you already have some money in deposit investments, have some emergency cash available, and are contributing to a pension scheme. You should in those circumstances be able to accept the level of risk which unit trusts imply. Unit trusts can be used to give income, as well as purely for capital growth. The yield on unit trusts invested in shares — typically only five or six per cent gross at the moment — is low compared to other types of interest paying investment but the income in a good trust will rise over the *years, and so will the capital* value of the units.

The third query concerns the nature of the shares in which unit trusts invest. The unit holder has no specific control over the shares which the manager of his unit trust chooses, so he may well find that armaments companies or tobacco companies are among the underlying stocks in which he has a part share.

There is only one trust to date which has been set up with ethical investment in mind. It is the Friends' Provident Stewardship Trust, which was set up in May, 1984, and whose price has increased by 28.5 per cent to March 1, 1985. (Inquiries: Dorking 885055.)

With a little research, the *ordinary investor stands a* reasonable chance of picking unit trusts which will do well for him. There are a number of sources of detailed information: the Unit Trust Association (Park House, 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7JP: 01-628 0431) publishes various free leaflets, and its Year Book, giving a full introduction to the subject of unit trusts and details of all unit trusts currently available, is published by Financial Times Business Information (Greystoke Place, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1ND: 01-405 6969) at the end of March each year.

From the same publisher, the monthly magazine Money Management publishes full performance figures of unit trusts. The investor wanting a relatively cheap introduction to the subject may find Unit Trusts, by Christopher Gilchrist, published by Woodhead-Faulkner Ltd., a useful book to have. Unit trust prices are, of course, published in various national dailies, but since no past performance details are given these figures are only of use for following your unit holding's progress from day to day.

Weekend Money, in conjunction with Unit Trust Management, has produced a brief *fact sheet about investing in* unit trusts. The leaflet tells you how to buy, what it will cost, how to choose, the pitfalls, and gives important points of guidance.

For a free copy of the fact sheet, please send a large stamped addressed envelope to: Weekend Money, Unit Trust Fact Sheet, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.

Wanted: a residential home from home

Lindsay Cook checks out a new register of accommodation for the elderly

ANYONE wanting to move house can consult estate agents, or check the local newspapers for what is on offer. But for the elderly and their relatives, finding retirement accommodation is a much more exacting task.

Angela Farnell discovered this when she was seeking a *nursing home place for her* mother. She could not find out what facilities there were in the area where her mother wanted to live.

But once she had found somewhere suitable, Mrs Farnell decided to put her experience to good use. She launched a national computerised register to help those seeking a home for either themselves or an elderly relative.

Her organisation is called the Elderly Accommodation Counsel, and its register includes sheltered housing, residential care homes for the elderly, registered nursing homes, hospices and residential hotels willing to take active retired people both in the private and charity sector.

The charities and proprietors who run accommodation for the elderly are required to fill in a detailed questionnaire and pay an annual fee of £15 to appear on the register. Like an AA guide, the register gives a list of the facilities on offer, and leaves the prospective customer to make an inspection themselves.

This information supplied by the organisations is extensive — including details of whether pets are allowed; the distance to the local shops, banks, and post office; whether a doctor is in residence. These, together with the proprietor's own brief description of the premises and details of charges, provide a starting point for anyone *needing such accommodation*, in the same way as estate agents details tell a buyer whether a house is worth inspection.

To tap the information in the computer, the elderly and their relatives are requested to fill in a questionnaire stating their needs and their cost limits. In return for a £6 fee, *the computer* will supply a print-out of what is available in their area.

But the elderly do not always know what they want. Angela Farnell recently had two inquiries for information on totally inappropriate housing for the people concerned. An 86-year-old woman coming out of hospital wanted sheltered housing, while a 90-year-old wanted hotel accommodation. Neither of them would have been successful in their search. Sheltered housing and hotels would be wary of taking them on because they would both soon need more care than the type of accommodation could provide.



Because many people do not know what kind of home is best for their circumstances, the Department of Health and Social Security has asked the elderly Accommodation Counsel to make sure their customers seek professional advice before they actually make a move.

For many old people, being able to take their own furniture and possessions to a new home, whether it is sheltered housing or a residential hotel, is essential. Some people resent not being able to cook for themselves or do their laundry, while others would find it a luxury to have these chores done for them.

The computer print-outs give such details, plus information about the religious affiliations of some charitable homes.

Mrs Farnell has sent 30,000 posters about the service to family doctors, hospital welfare departments, social service departments and Citizens Advice Bureaux. Most of her inquiries have been from children seeking accommodation for their elderly parents in homes, hotels and sheltered housing.

One of the voluntary bodies included on the register is the Abbeyfield Society, which provides housing midway between sheltered flats and old people's homes, and has 900 houses throughout the country.

The houses, which pride themselves on providing a balance of privacy and companionship, contain groups of seven or eight bedsitters overseen by a resident housekeeper, who prepares the main meals of the day.

The society believes the need for a central register of accommodation will increase in the coming years as the numbers of elderly continue to grow.

In recent years they have added "extra care houses" to their service, for those who can no longer look after themselves in their own room. These residents often need devoted care rather than professional nursing, and are provided with 24-hour cover.

At the other end of the scale on the computer is Magnolia House at 5 Oakfield Road, Ashstead, Surrey, which was registered in December and is run by Mrs Christine Smith.

In addition to offering haute cuisine prepared by a French cook, Mrs Smith plans art classes, musical evenings, wine-making sessions, flower arranging classes and occupational therapy. Mrs Smith says there will be "gala evenings with an international flavour," at which residents will drink the wine made in the wine-making sessions. Residents can opt out if they wish.

The Deputy Director of Age Concern, Sally Greengross, said that the charity received lots of requests for help from elderly people trying to find homes.

She said: "People are desperate for information of this kind. The new service from the Elderly Accommodation Counsel Ltd is to be welcomed on a national basis but there is still a need for people to vet properties on the register for themselves."

Elderly Accommodation Counsel Ltd, Eardley House, 182-184 Campden Hill Road, Kensington W8 7TT (01-243 8545.)

Which pound in your pocket?

HAVE YOU noticed how disgustingly tatty the £1 notes are now? They seem to be staying in circulation far longer than the average nine months they used to enjoy as people cling on to them to the last minute.

The backlash against the replacement £1 coin recently reached improbable heights when football hooligans showered them on to the pitch during the Luton-Millwall fiasco.

But, whether this attachment to the paper currency is sentimentality on the part of traditionalists or hides a cunning plot by the Government to allow the notes to become so revolting that the coin becomes desirable by comparison, it is hard to tell.

The problem, for those who wish to see an end to crumpled green notes, is that they are not being returned to the banks. Shop owners, who still apologise for having to give you £1 coins in your change, are keeping the notes in their cash tills and recirculating them to customers who in turn continue to use them.

In the old days, retailers would send them back to the banks when they started to get scruffy. Now, because they are being circulated to customers, the banks cannot send them off to the Bank of England for burning.

The last notes were printed in December and it may be that the limited number of notes in circulation are working harder because people have been refusing to accept coins.

The Royal Mint has a stockpile of £1 coins waiting to hit the high streets. Two years ago, they had 250 million ready for use and have been turning them out steadily since then. But, by the end of February this year, only 245 million £1 coins were in customers' hands.

When the £1 notes had the field to themselves, there were between 550 and 600 million notes fluttering around. But the Mint is not expecting a straight one for one swap. When the last £1 note finally drops into the incinerator, we may in fact be handling more than 600 million £1 coins. Or then again, we may not. The Mint is not able to forecast how habits will develop.

Meanwhile, tattier and tattier £1 notes will be handed around until the Treasury calls a halt and declares the notes no longer legal tender.

And the furore against the new coin is as nothing, according to Royal Mint legend, compared with the outrage when the ten shilling note was replaced by the pre-decimal 50p piece in 1969.

Anyone who feels so strongly about the newest coin can always refuse to use it. There is no way of forcing money into people's pockets.

Margaret Dibben

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From 1st April 1985

Type of Account	Net %	Gross Equivalent* %
ORDINARY INVESTMENT	8.75	12.50
BULLION SHARES	10.15	14.50
MONTHLY CONTRACT	9.75	13.93
FIXED TERM SHARES		
3 Years	9.75	13.93
5 Years (Closed)	10.25	14.64
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS	7.50	10.71

*to basic rate tax payers (WHEN HALF-YEARLY
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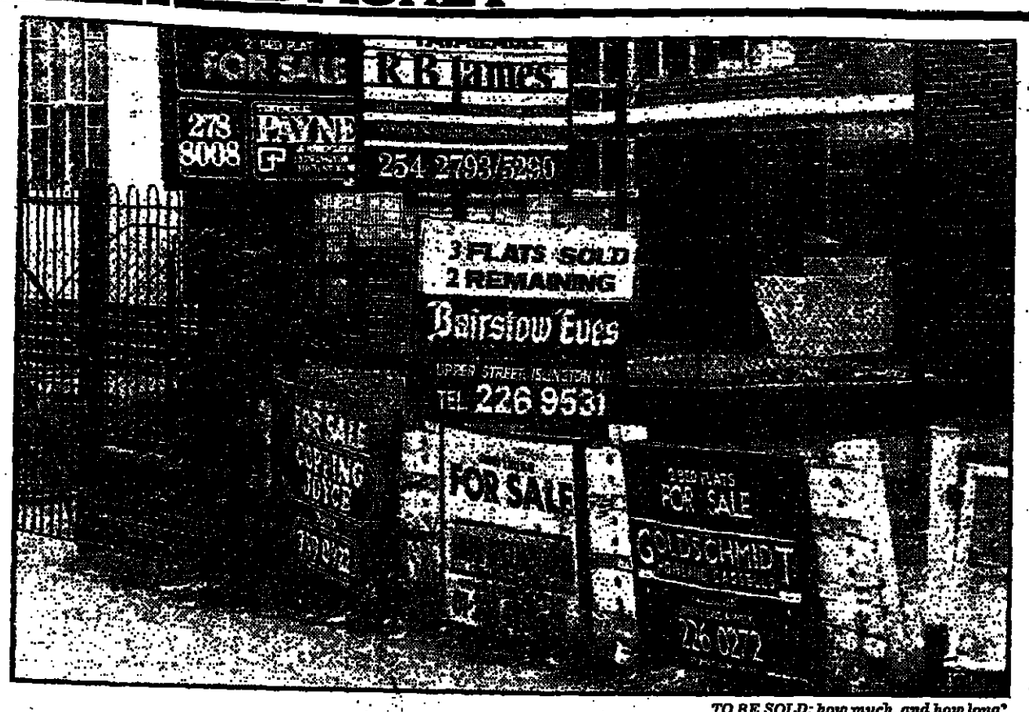
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TO BE SOLD: how much, and how long?

The answer to a difficult sum

Margaret Dibben on how to work out your new monthly mortgage payments

THE building societies have now digested the word from their association that a 1 per cent rise in the mortgage rate would be appropriate, and accordingly, across the board, they have added 1 per cent to their basic and higher mortgage rates.

Banks cut their base rates by another 0.5 per cent this week but this is not nearly enough to trigger a fall in building society rates. Not until banks bring their rates down by a further full 1 per cent need you start looking at the societies for a reduction. They have lost so much money on the savings side this month that the rates must stay high to win it back.

The banks have yet to retaliate with changes to the mortgage rate — either up or down — and the only indication so far that their mortgage departments have noticed base rate and building society rate changes is a special offer to borrowers from Lloyds Bank.

Anyone arranging a loan with the bank between now and June 28 will have 0.5 per cent knocked off the cost, whether it is a repayment or endowment mortgage, taking the rate down to 12.75 per cent for a repayment loan. The discount lasts until June 30.

The Woolwich and Nationwide have both maintained their policy of having one single rate regardless of the size of the mortgage and they now charge 13.875 per cent. The Bristol & West is one of only a few building societies to charge a lower rate than this, although their 13.75 per cent is only applicable on loans up to £15,000.

At the Bradford & Bingley, 13.75 per cent is available to first-time house buyers who have been saving in a special mortgage account or have deposited a large sum with the society for at least a year. The rate for anyone else starts at 14 per cent.

And 14 per cent is the rate that most home buyers will now be paying. Because inflation is relatively low at the moment, this is the highest ever cost of mortgages in real terms. Endowment mortgages in general cost .05 per cent more. People who have difficulty repaying the higher amount should contact their branch manager straight away perhaps to make arrangements to go on to an interest only basis for a time.

One of the advantages of a repayment mortgage over an endowment is that when interest rates go up, the same monthly repayments can be made and the period of the loan extended. But most building societies will not allow this unless the borrower can show proof of financial problems. And then the longest period to which the loan can be extended is 30 or 35 years.

The Abbey National is happy for borrowers with repayment mortgages to extend the period of the loan up to the point of infinity — although at that stage, they would expect an increase in the amount of repayments, since to have a mortgage on infinity would be the equivalent of repaying only the interest and none of the capital of the loan.

The Leeds at one time used to allow borrowers automatically to extend the life of the mortgage. Now they will only do so if borrowers ask specifically, but they will accede to requests without the customer having to provide documentation.

The other large societies will insist that monthly payments are increased to keep on course for the original time span of the mortgage.

The formula to check that the society is charging the correct amount each month is as follows. The basic idea is to find the value of one of a series of repayments made over (say) 25 years which will repay the capital and interest each year so that the debt is eliminated at the end of the period.

The sum looks like this:

$$\frac{I \times L}{12 \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + I^n}\right)}$$

L = loan
I = interest rate
n = number of years

Assuming that the loan is £20,000 for 25 years at 14 per cent, start at the end of the formula and work backwards.

So. 1 plus I to the power of n becomes

$$1 + 14 = 1.14 \times 25 = 26.461916$$

Divide that bottom line figure into 1 and the reciprocal figure is .03779.

Subtract that from 1 which gives .962209 and multiply by 12 which is 11.546518.

Now turn to the top line: Multiply .14 for the interest rate by 20,000 for the loan and the answer is 2,800. Divide that by the bottom line figure 11.546518 and the monthly repayment is £242.50 a month.

This is before tax relief and, while it is not absolutely exact is a good approximation. For an endowment loan, simply multiply the size of the interest repayments (in this example £2,800) by the rate of interest and divide by 12.

To work out repayments after tax relief, use the net interest which, for a 14 per cent gross cost, is 9.8 per cent.

Miras

ONE change announced in the Budget will affect home owners with mortgages over £30,000 but not until 1987. Then they, like everyone else, will be swept into the Miras net.

At present it is only with loans below £30,000 that borrowers make their monthly repayments to the bank or building society net of tax relief. Until the change in two years' time, those with larger loans make the payments gross and claim the tax relief from the Inland Revenue.

The limit for tax relief was untouched by the Chancellor and sticks at £30,000. The relief is available on the highest rate of tax you pay.

Savings

ON the savings side, the building societies have improved the rate by 0.75 per cent in most instances. The ordinary share rate is now 8.25 per cent.

Some societies have taken the opportunity to introduce new accounts: Town & Country now has a Super Term Share guaranteeing 2.25 per cent above the ordinary rate for three years; the Anglia has a High Income Bond guaranteeing 2 per cent extra for one year.

Other societies have increased the rate of interest by more than the suggested 0.75 per cent: Bradford & Bingley has added 1 per cent to the Premium Access (10 per cent) and High Income (10.25 per cent) accounts; Bristol & West has improved the Bristol Plus account by the same amount to 9.5 per cent.

ACT BEFORE 5th APRIL

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Unit trusts are for long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice. This is because the price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up.

Income DIVIDEND FUND

An investor of £10,000 at the Fund's launch in May 1964 has seen his income after basic-rate tax grow from £396 in the first full year to £2,018 in 1984.

By contrast, a building society investor's annual income has fluctuated, rising from £536 in 1965 to £1,200 in 1980 and then falling back to £853 by 1984. So anyone who depended on a building society for income has suffered a cut-back over the past 4 years, whilst Dividend Fund investors continued to enjoy a steadily increasing income.

In addition, the Dividend Fund investor's £10,000 had grown to £54,300 by the end of December 1984 compared with £27,271 from a similar notional investment in the F.T. Industrial Ordinary Index and £10,000 in a building society deposit which, of course, remained unchanged.

If you need income which will grow over the years M&G Dividend Fund could be your ideal investment, because we will continue to make income growth the prime objective. The Fund invests in a wide range of ordinary shares and the aim is to provide a high and growing return with a yield about 50% higher than that of the F.T. Actuaries All Share Index.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE of £10,000 invested in income units at the launch of M&G Dividend Fund on 6th May, 1964 compared with a similar investment in a Building Society

Year to 31 DECEMBER	INCOME: M&G DIVIDEND	INCOME: BUILDING SOCIETY	CAPITAL: M&G DIVIDEND	CAPITAL: BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	–	–	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,760	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280	10,000
1984	2,018	853	54,300	10,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are ¼% above the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values

On 27th March 1985 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield
Dividend Fund	308·2p	856·0p	5·72%
Recovery Fund	253·8p	317·2p	3·80%
SECOND General	548·2p	1039·8p	4·05%

Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offered price and an annual charge of up to 1% of each Fund's value – currently ¾% – plus VAT is deducted from gross income (currently ¾% for Dividend increasing to ¾% in September 1985). Income for Accumulation units is reinvested to increase their value and for Income units it is distributed net of basic rate tax on the following dates.

	Dividend	Recovery	SECOND
Distributions	15 Jan 15 July	20 Feb 20 Aug	15 Feb 15 Aug
Next distribution for new investors	15 July 1985	20 Aug 1985	15 Aug 1985

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23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	8,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,121	21,283	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1984	214,720	39,977	52,405	36,769

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra interest account offering ¾% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values.

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1960	19,534	20,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,947	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	47,537	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	81,843	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	200,813	61,600	62,494	49,931
1984	463,879	142,410	81,519	71,938

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra interest account offering ¾% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G SECOND General figures are all realisation values.

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M&G SECOND	2,039	7,262	15,320
FT Industrial Ordinary Index	2,160	6,143	11,259
Building Society Savings Account	1,499	3,840	7,196

Source Planned Savings
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Better safe than sick and sorry

David Worsfold on the importance of medical cover in your holiday travel insurance

WE HAVE just been reminded yet again of the crucial importance of travel insurance and how particularly essential it is to make sure that the medical cover in the policy is up to scratch.

John Home-Robertson, the Labour MP for East Lothian, has launched an urgent appeal to rescue an elderly constituent who went on holiday to Spain without any form of travel insurance. She fell ill and faced a hopeless situation, stranded in Spain unable to pay the hospital bills yet unable to travel home without medical assistance, the exercise will cost several thousand pounds — a sum that Mr Home-Robertson has set about raising. But, as he pointed out, this sad situation could have been avoided had the lady taken out a travel insurance policy before she left.

Elderly people, in fact, might have to shop around to find a travel insurance policy that will cover them for medical mishaps abroad. Many policies will not cover people over the age of 75 and nearly all plans will not cover pre-existing medical conditions. There are some policies that have no upper age limit, however, most notably the ExtraSure policy approved by the Association of British Travel Agents and General Accident's Holiday Insurance Plan.

Folgate and Provincial have slightly higher upper age limits than the average, both accepting people up to the age of 80, and a number of other insurance companies will accept elderly travellers provided that a doctor's letter can be obtained saying that there is no medical reason why the person concerned should not travel. Some insurance companies are also prepared to waive their usual exclusion for re-existing conditions if a similar doctor's letter is available.

Other types of exclusions to watch out for are those relating to pregnancy, in a lot of policies, and hazardous pursuits. The policies that do cover pregnant women include ExtraSure, Guardian Royal Exchange, Norwich Union, Prudential and the policies available through the National Westminster and Midland Banks.

Hazardous pursuits cover a wide range of activities from the obviously dangerous — such as hang gliding, mountaineering, and parachuting — to the less likely — and more common — such as water skiing, skin diving, and motor cycling. The exclusions do vary from insurer to insurer so it is worth scrutinising each policy to make sure that you are covered for your holiday fun. And it could be profitable to shop around if your tour operator's recommended policy doesn't cover your own particular idea of living dangerously for a fortnight.

There is a growing myth that we now have a reciprocal health agreement with other EEC countries and that this obviates the need for medical insurance while holidaying in the Common Market. But not so. All the reciprocal agreement involves is free, or more likely simply cheap, medical treatment in a very limited number of extremely basic state-run facilities. To get even this cover you will need a form E111 from the Department of Health and Social Security before you depart, and you will have to fill in even more forms — in the local language — should you need hospital treatment.

If all that isn't enough to convince you that medical insurance is a must, then ponder the consequences of a long-term illness while abroad. Could you afford to have a close relative stay with you for two or three months, or the cost of an air ambulance to fly you home? Nearly all holiday insurance plans have a 24-hour emergency telephone service through which you can arrange decent hospital treatment and an air ambulance or whatever special travel arrangements are necessary to return home. Very often, all that is needed is a nurse and a couple of extra seats on a scheduled flight.

The financial limits on medical cover in travel insurance policies range from as little as £10,000 to unlimited cover. Ideally, for a holiday in another EEC country, cover should be for a minimum of £25,000. For other European countries £50,000 should be adequate, although it might be sensible to look for a limit of £100,000 in Switzerland, as medical treatment comes very expensive there. Further afield, and particularly in the United States, cover of £250,000 would be sensible.

Some of these figures may seem large in a country used to a health service that comes free at the point of use, but they are realistic. There is, after all, little point in being a healthy bankrupt for the sake of a few pounds spent on an insurance policy.

Finally, be prepared to pay for the medical treatment yourself, out of your holiday spending money, and reclaim the cost from the insurance company when you get back home. Simply flashing an insurance policy at the doctor will not get you "free" treatment. And if you intend taking a form E111 with you, give the DHSS plenty of advance warning; it is not obtainable over the counter.

In search of an offshore investment

We are a young foreign couple working in London and intending to stay here for two to three years before going back home. We are able to save approximately £900 a month and are wondering what would be the best home for our savings? — J.S., London.

YOUR best bet is certainly some form of offshore investment. Banks and investment management groups offer a wide range of deposit and currency investments, as well as funds comparable to unit trusts investing in shares and other types of investment vehicle. A lot of these are run by household name British institutions based in the Channel Islands. If you pay tax in the UK, you will still be liable for tax on these investments, but they will give you flexibility when you return home, since you can then leave them in the offshore tax environment, and possibly avoid tax to which you might become liable on repatriating your assets.

The best policy

I WANT to take out a small policy to provide a lump sum for a nephew and niece on my death. I don't want the amount to be included in my estate when it will become liable to capital transfer tax. I understand that I can avoid this by making it payable directly to the beneficiaries through a trust deed of some kind. I don't want to use a solicitor to save costs. — A.C., London.

YOU will not need a solicitor. The procedure to which you refer, known as writing the policy in trust, simply designates the benefits of the policy to a named individual, thereby removing them from your estate on death. The insurance company will arrange this for you with very little formality.

Family plan

We have a two-year-old grandson and would like to invest a small amount each month which would be available to him at, say, sixteen or seventeen years of age. We can manage £10 to £20 a month. — D. J. B., Calne.

I WOULD suggest a unit trust regular savings plan. Over the sort of term you are thinking about, this should easily outperform a building society investment. Most of the return is liable to capital gains tax rather than income tax, with the advantages of a high exempt limit and a low rate of tax. Also, and unlike building societies, basic rate tax paid on unit trust distributions by the management group can be reclaimed by a non-taxpayer like your grandson.

Going for gilts

TO readers who wish to invest a few thousand pounds you usually suggest building societies or the post office. Rarely do you suggest gilt-edged stocks. Is there some reason for this? J.M.S., Altrincham.

GOVERNMENT stocks are risk investments which should be bought only with professional advice. Since they are traded on the stock market, values fluctuate and the wrong choice of stock can result in some loss of capital. On occasion we have recommended a proportion of selected gilts in structured portfolios to meet certain requirements. Your anxiety indicates that perhaps you do not appreciate the nature and objects of gilt investment, and the risk element. I would suggest that you have a stockbroker or other financial adviser look over your investments.

Pension rights

I AM 57 and divorced. I worked only between the ages of 18 and 24. Will I be entitled to a pension when I reach the age of 60? I am worried that my husband may retire early from teaching and get a court order to reduce my £3,000 a year maintenance — L.B., Orpington.

SINCE you have not paid the necessary contributions, you will not get a full pension. You may be entitled to one-quarter pension if you paid full contributions during the time you were at work, but seven years is about the minimum qualifying period. The contributions paid by your husband between the time you were married and the date of your divorce may be counted towards some pension for you. Luckily, you have considered your situation in good time. I would suggest that you arrange a visit to your social security office which will be able to produce a record of your contributions and let you know where you stand.

YOUR SAVINGS

	Interest %	Interest paid	Tax	£ Min	Withdrawal
BANKS					
Deposit	10-10.50	½ yrly	To pay	1	7 days
Reg savings	11-12.50	½ yrly	To pay	10/month	restricted
Lump sum 1 mnth	12.25-13.75	monthly	To pay	1-2,000	At notice
Lump sum 3 mths	12-14.25	½ yrly	To pay	1-2,000	At notice
BUILDING SOCIETIES					
Share account	7.5	½ yrly	Paid	1	Demand
7 day	8.75	½ yrly	Paid	500	7 days
3 months	9.25	½ yrly	Paid	500	3 months
Monthly income	8.5	monthly	Paid	500-5,000	1-6 months
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LOCAL AUTHORITIES Highest rate details tel. 01-920 0501 (after 3.30 pm)					
1 year	10½	½ yrly	To pay	100-1,000	Fixed term
10 years	11¼	½ yrly	To pay	100-1,000	Fixed term
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Ordinary account	3	Yrly	1st £70 free	1	£100 on dmd
*Ordinary account	6	Yrly	1st £70 free	500	£100 on dmd
Investment acc	12.25	Yrly	To pay	1	1 month
Deposit bond	12¼	Yrly	To pay	250	3 months
Mthly income bond	12¼	Monthly	To pay	2,000	3 months
NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES (30th issue)					
1-5 years	8.85	When cashed in	Tax free	25	8 days
General extension rate	9		Tax free		
*If kept one calendar year, starting Jan. 1.					
INDEX-LINKED CERTIFICATES	RPI Linked +0.25 monthly	When cashed in	Tax free	10	8 days
YEARLY PLAN	9.28	When cashed in	Tax free	20 month	14 days
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK					
Service	5	Yrly	To pay	5p	Demand
Investment	11	Yrly	To pay	1	7 days
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Yorks Chemicals	54p	78p	25%
Albion	13.50p	24p	67%
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The tassel dancer with nothing to hide

Alan Mitchell, Britain's leading tree expert, reports on the curiosities of the laburnum

THERE is no problem in growing a laburnum, but there is an acute one in hiding it for 51 weeks of the year. Excruciatingly dull and ungainly in leaf, it is still worse when, after a complete lack of autumn colour, leaf fall reveals the poverty of the shoot system and those drooping wisps of dead flower stalks.

In my garden anything that is static for more than a few minutes has a clematis planted near its feet. So long as it is one whose flowers do not open until the laburnum has finished, this takes care of the summer, but it is no help in the winter. The ideal would be a large grove entirely of laburnums, an obligatory pilgrimage in late May, and shut off from the circuit and avoided at other times. I know of no such planting anywhere.

There are two species of tree-laburnums, both of which were being grown here before 1600; but neither is worth planting now that the hybrid between them has shown up their failings by combining the best points of each. The Common Laburnum, from central and southern Europe, has the shorter tassels, or racemes as the botanist's more precise term has it, hung with the larger flowers more closely spaced. With advancing age the racemes become shorter still, the foliage decreases in size, and the tree is more impoverished looking and scrawny than it was.

It does not look like a tree that lives long at the best of times, and mostly this is true: yet amazingly, one planted in



Wiltshire in 1790 survived until 1966 when it was blown down. Another in the same county, at Tottenham House School in Savernake Forest, is an unequalled 7ft. 4in. round the bole at five feet and may be of similar age.

This Common laburnum has many varieties, including an Oakleaf form, an autumn-flowering one, and an erect one; but the Weeping laburnum is to be seen more frequently. This is surely a grave error. A tree whose only redeeming feature is its hanging tassels is not helping itself by hanging its branches too. The flowers and branch want to be in the same place and the result is an inelegant scramble. The little plant is no more than a mushroom-like hummock, anyway.

The other species is, regrettably, called the Scotch laburnum. It comes from Italy and Hungary and was much planted in Scotland where relatively big old trees are still to be found beside, for example, the Perth to Aberdeen road. It flowers three weeks later than the Common laburnum, and the racemes are much longer but more sparsely strung with smaller flowers. It has much bigger, smooth, often shiny leaves.

The hybrid has arisen many times between these two, and a Dutch form of it, Voss's laburnum, is the one that is almost always now planted. This flowers at the same time as the Common laburnum but the racemes are as long or longer than the Scotch and the individual flowers are as large and densely set as those of the Common. Together with large foliage, no perceptible decline in raceme length or verdure with age,



drawings by Sharon Finmark

and few seeds set, it is a credit to the bumble bee that made the cross. The paucity of seeds is welcomed not only because of the unsightly bunches but because they are notoriously poisonous and sometimes attract children, who may feed them to their dolls and share the meal. This does mean, however, that unlike the Common laburnum, which often springs up as a self-sown seedling, Voss's has to be bought and is propagated by grafting or by cuttings.

But there is one more laburnum tree, which arose in extraordinary circumstances and is even more ugly than the three mentioned; unforgivably ugly, yet it should be grown much more than is is, because of its unique flowering. This is Adam's laburnum. Jean Louis Adam ran a nursery at Vitry near Paris and in 1825 he grafted the dwarf purple broom on to a leg of common laburnum to make a mophead with rosy-purple flowers. When the graft had taken, it probably suffered some damage, for it sent out a shoot which was intermediate between laburnum and broom in foliage and in flower, with 6in racemes of yellowish purple flowers. Grafts from this then went on to bear rich pink flowers in general but also random bunches of ordinary laburnum flowers of bright yellow and clusters of tiny shoots of pure purple broom flowers and leaves. Even more odd, it was found that grafts taken from each of the three kinds of shoot grew into fully operative Adam laburnums, that is bearing the other two kinds as well.

The plant is that rare phenomenon, a graft chimaera, in which the tissues of the two parents grow unaltered alongside each other or one inside the other, and some shoots from one of the tissues grow into and modify the other. The only familiar graft chimaera is the Fernleaf beech, but in that the flowers are unaltered and insignificant.

In Adam's laburnum the flowers are the striking feature. Without them it can be recognised only by the inherent scruffiness of the Common laburnum rendered far worse by the presence of scattered tufts of slender shoots almost leafless even in summer. Luckily, the three kinds of flower open at the same time and the effect is bizarre if not entirely beautiful. As a conversation piece no tree could be better; as a foliage or winter tree, none could be worse. But it should have a place in every large garden. There are rather few specimens to be seen, and it would be a tragedy were it to be lost.

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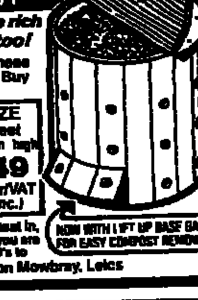
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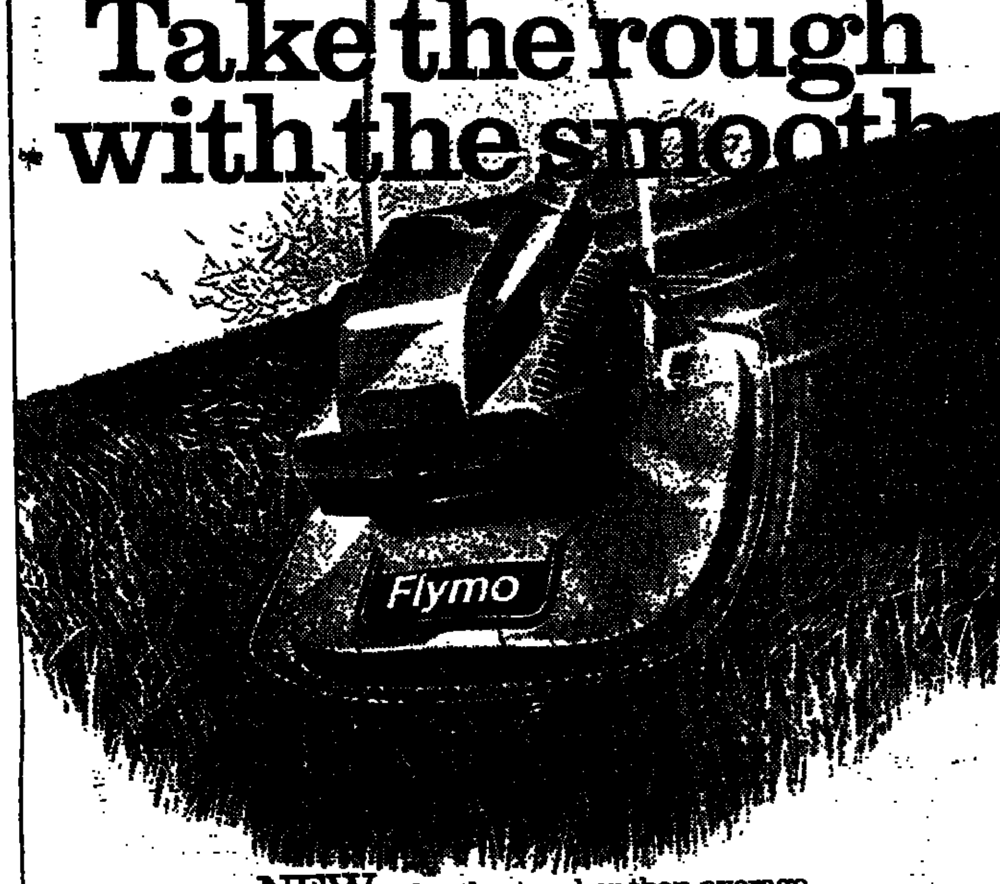
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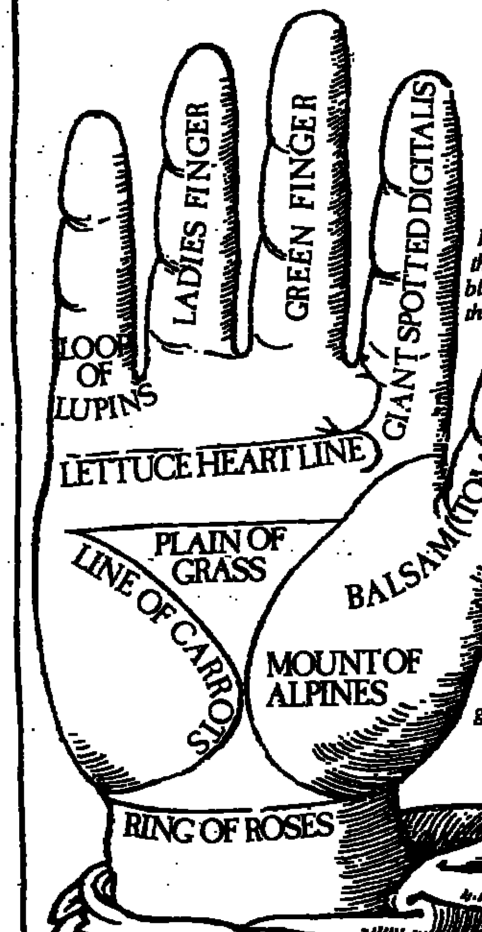
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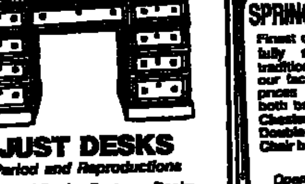
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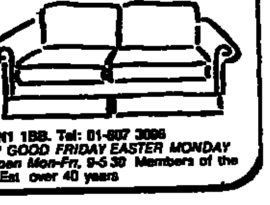
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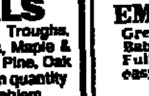


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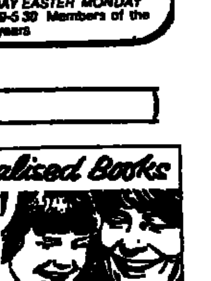
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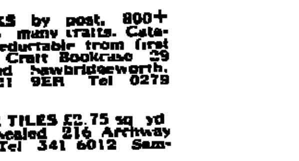
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Anything goes at property auction these days. Especially if it's Victorian or — would you believe? — end terrace. Lindsay Cook reports

Be it ever so humble, it's going . . . going . . . gone

BUYING a house by auction could soon be commonplace if the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors gets its way. It reckons that people selling their homes by auction can get much better deals, and buyers can short-circuit the time-consuming business of conventional house purchase.

The RICS has just produced a revamped leaflet to encourage vendors to use auctions — especially if their home is at all unusual. A modernised terraced house, for example, might benefit from auction, or a Victorian family house with an unattractive 1950s extension.

The Institution says: "The public aren't quite sure about auction. Many feel it is suitable only for grand country properties — but that is not the case. All kinds of properties can benefit from having several specialist buyers bidding against each other in the same room."

The big advantages are not only that vendors can get better prices for their properties as a result of the competitive atmosphere of the saleroom, but that deals are struck immediately, with the buyer exchanging contracts on the spot, and completing the sale a month later.

The difference between this and conventional house sales is that the buyer must do far more homework before putting in a bid. Buyers must have structural surveys and valuations done before the day of the sale. They must also arrange finance so that they can complete the purchase within four weeks, should their bid be accepted.

Building societies, however, declare themselves as happy to lend money for an auction sale as for an ordinary house purchase. In fact, banks or building societies are often quicker off the mark in valuing a property if they know that an auction is involved. They are keen that you should be able to make a firm bid on the day of the sale.

Demand for such mortgages varies greatly throughout the country. But wherever auctions are involved, managers take extra care to make sure buyers know what they are letting themselves in for. The usual advice is to set a limit and not bid beyond it.

It is also essential to consult a solicitor before the sale so that the legal details can be explained. These are either the standard Law Society or national conditions of sale. Once the hammer comes down, the property belongs to the highest bidder, and should that bidder fail to sign the contract in the saleroom, the auctioneer can sign it on their behalf, committing them to the sale.

On the rare occasions when a buyer cannot complete on time, the vendor can take legal action compelling them to carry out the purchase. If they do not have the money, the vendor can make them pay the costs involved in starting the auction process all over again — including the interest they have lost through delay.

There have always been areas, often country towns and districts connected with farming, where sale by auction has been traditional. North Staffordshire and South Cheshire have a long history of residential properties going to auction, and yet down the road in Manchester auctions are rare. In Norfolk, auction sales have always been an important part of the housing market, although there was a slump between 1974 until about five years ago.

In East Anglia, Mr George Bristow, of Hanbury Williams, says auction sales have come into their own again for properties which are different in some way, or those which are in the highest demand. Modernised terrace houses came into this category. Prices vary between £12,500 and £25,000 in Norwich, Ipswich, and Yarmouth, and there are often first time buyers bidding in the sale rooms.

"It doesn't matter whether the sale is by auction or private treaty, there's an element of doubt when a building society application is made and the valuation is paid for. There could be six or seven people bidding, and all are likely to have had a valuation carried out, unless it is a dilapidated property which is of interest only to speculative buyers, people who are prepared to take a risk and finance it themselves," said Mr Bristow.

Mr James Sutton of Heywood and Sons, Alsager, Staffordshire, said properties were best suited to auction if they had characteristics which made them difficult to value with any precision. "Specially interested purchasers may pay more than I think the property is worth," he said.

The reserve price is often only fixed minutes before a sale begins when the auctioneer is sure what the interest is in the property and is confident that people will be bidding. "If the reserve is realistic, you can often make a better price at auction than by selling by private treaty," said Mr Sutton.

But there is no such thing as certainty. Mr Sutton has sold properties at 20 per cent more than their reserve price; but last year he held an auction with five properties in the sale without receiving a bid for any of them. On average five or six people would bid for a property.

A detached bungalow near Crewe, which needed improvement, was expected to fetch £8,000 to £12,000 when auctioned by Heywoods in February. In the event it sold for £17,250. At the same sale, an end terrace house with an outside lavatory, needing extensive modernisation, was sold for £1,500.

The commission on a sale by auction is usually the same as selling in the conventional way, but there may be higher advertisement and printing costs. The auctioneer is likely to advertise for at least three weeks before a sale and this can add £250 or more to the bill, depending on the type of property

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Sunday 31 March 11.00 am	THE BACH CHOIR English Chamber Orchestra, Sir David Willcocks, Robert Tear, Rodney Macann, Felicity Lott, Penelope Walker, Maldwyn Davies, Stephen Roberts, Hubert Dawkes, John Scott (organ) Bach St. Matthew Passion (complete). RETURNS ONLY — The Bach Choir
Sunday 31 March 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Nicholas Cleobury (conductor) John Ogdon (piano) Beethoven Evening Overture, Coriolan; Piano Concerto No.5 (Emperor), Symphony No.3 (Eroica). £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50, £8.50 — Raymond Gubbay Ltd
Monday 1 April 7.30 pm	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Sir Charles Groves (conductor) Ralph Kirshbaum (cello) Bliss Processional; Elgar Cello Concerto; Walton Symphony No 1 £1.50, £3.00, £4.50, £7.00, £9.00 — BBC
Tuesday 2 April 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Kurt Masur (conductor) Igor Oistrakh (violin) Elgar Violin Concerto; Tchaikovsky Symphony No.2 (Little Russian) £2.80, £3.50, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 — RPO Ltd
Wednesday 3 April 5.55 pm	CELEBRATING 1685 Bach/Handel/Scarlatti Wolfgang Rübsam (organ) Bach Toccata in E, BWV.566; Sonata No.4 in E min, BWV.528; Prelude & Fugue in A min, BWV.543; Chorale Prelude: O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656, Prelude & Fugue, BWV.548 £1.50 unreserved — GLC
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Thursday 4 April 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Kurt Masur (conductor) Cécile Ousset (piano) Brahms Piano Concerto No.1; Schubert Symphony No.9 (Great) £2.80, £3.50, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 — RPO Ltd
Friday 5 April 5.30 pm	LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY English Chamber Orchestra Jane Glover (cond) Felicity Lott (sop) Ann Murray (cont) Maldwyn Davies (ten) David Wilson-Johnson (bass) Richard Jackson (Christus) David Johnston (Evangelist) Bach St. Matthew Passion. £2.50, £3.70, £5, £6.70, £7.80, £8.50 — London Choral Society
Sunday 31 March 3.00 pm	PETER SERKIN (piano) Beethoven Sonata in E, Op.109; Beethoven Sonata in A flat, Op.110; Beethoven Sonata in C minor, Op.111 £2.00-£4.00 — Ingpen & Williams Ltd
Sunday 31 March 7.15 pm	VIVALDI CONCERTANTE Joseph Pilbery (cond) Mary Pilbery (ob) David Martin, Sylvia Ring (pnos) Nicholas Durcan (organ) Vivaldi Sinfonia in G; Oboe Conc in D min; Conc in F for strings, Haydn Organ Conc in C; Mozart Conc for 2 pnos, K.365, wk by Gluck, etc. £2.75, £3.75, £4.75, £5.75, £6.75 — Vivaldi Concertante
Monday 1 April 7.45 pm	THE ALLEGRI/ROBLES ENSEMBLE The Allegri Quartet Marisa Robles (harp) Susan Milan (fl) Thea King (cl) Haydn Quartet Op.64/2; Debussy, Trio for fl, vla & harp; Harp solos; Mozart Clarinet Quintet K.581; Ravel Introduction & Allegro, £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 — In aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children
Thursday 4 April 7.45 pm	NATIONAL WESTMINSTER CHOIR New Symphony Orchestra Ian Humphris (cond) Sarah Leonard (sop) Catherine Denley (alto) Rogers Covey-Crump (ten) Henry Herford (bass) Handel Chandos Anthem: O Praise the Lord with one Consent; Mozart Requiem. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5, £6 — Nat Westminster Choir
Friday 5 April 7.45 pm	LONDON CHORALE with The London Sinfonietta David Coleman (cond) Iain Hamilton's THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST MARK Janice Cairns (sop) Della Jones (m-sop) Geoffrey Pogson (ten) Alan Opie (bass). £2.50, £3, £4, £5 — London Chorale

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Saturday 30 March 7.45 pm	ENGLISH CHAMBER CHOIR English Players Guy Protheroe (cond) Julian Jacobson (pno) Beethoven Overture, The Creatures of Prometheus; Beethoven Choral Fantasia; Beethoven Mass in C. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 — Ann Manly Productions Ltd

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Saturday 30 March 7.30 pm	SUSANNE MEBES (guitar) Cimarosa 2 Sonatas; Castelnuovo-Tedesco Vars à travers les siecles; Ponce Sonata clasica; I. Albeniz L'Automne, Zambra Granadina; Sainz de la Maza Choro da Saudade, Vals, No.3; Martin Quatre pièces brèves; Rodrigo Invocation et Danse. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50 — John Higham International Artists Ltd
Monday 1 April 7.30 pm	HAIG VARTAN (piano) Liszt Fantasy and Fugue on B.A.C.H.; Beethoven Sonata in D, Op.10 No.3; Schumann Faschingsschwank aus Wien, Op.26. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50 John Higham International Artists Ltd
Tuesday 2 April 7.30 pm	ROBERT ALDWINCKLE (harpsichord) Handel Concerto No.2 in B flat; Suite No.16 in G minor; Six Fugues; Suite No.8 in F minor; Suite No.6 in F sharp minor; Suite No.2 in F; Concerto No.6 in B flat; Lesson in B flat. £2, £3, £4 — Robert Aldwinckle
Wednesday 3 April 7.30 pm	THE LONDON OBOE TRIO Barry Childs Changes; Paul Reid Luckbarrow Dances Gordon Crosse Fear No More (in memory of Janet Craxton); Birtwistle Nick and Dinah's Lovesong; John Lunn New Work; Beethoven Trio in C, Op.87. £2.50, £3, £3.50 — Westmorland Concerts/R.A.M.
Thursday 4 April 7.30 pm	ANDRE-GILLES DUCHEMIN (flute) MARIO DUCHEMIN (piano) Mozart Sonata in C, K.14; Schubert Introduction and Variations on a theme from the Müllerlieder, D.802; Poulenc Sonata; Prokofiev Sonata in D, Op.94. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50 — Choreaux Management

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Sunday March 31 7.30pm	MAHLER FESTIVAL. London Sinfonietta. Simon Rattle (cond). Felicity Palmer (soprano). Alfreda Hodgson (contralto). Malcolm King (bass). Goehr: Little Symphony. Mahler: Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen. Shostakovich: Symphony No 14. £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4.50, £3.50
Tuesday April 2 8.00pm	SPRING LOLLIPOPS CONCERT. London Concert Orchestra. Christopher Adey (cond). Craig Sheppard (piano). Prog. inc. J Strauss II: Emperor Waltz. Grieg: Piano Concerto. Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No 2. Tchaikovsky: 'Sleeping Beauty' Waltz. Ravel: Boléro. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4.50. Raymond Gubbay Ltd.
Wednesday April 3 1.00pm	ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET. International Lunchtime Concert. Jack Brymer (clarinet). Haydn: Quartet in E flat, Op 33, No 3 'The Bird'. Brahms: Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115. All seats £2.50. Van Walsum Management.
Wednesday April 3 7.45pm	MAHLER FESTIVAL. Mahler, Vienna and the Twentieth Century. London Symphony Orchestra. Marie Ewing (soprano). Womens Voices of the London Symphony Chorus. Claudio Abbado (cond). Beethoven/Mahler: Overture to Coriolan. Berg: Adagio from 'Lulu'. Seven Early Songs. Mahler: Adagio from Symphony No 10. Debussy: Nocturnes. £10, £8.50, £7.50, £6, £3 only.
Thursday April 4 7.45pm	AN EVENING WITH PDQ BACH. London Symphony Orchestra. Professor Peter Schickele assisted by William Walters. PDQ Bach: 'Howdy' Symphony; Royal Firewater Musick; Fuga Meshuga; Fantasiestück for Piano and Orchestra. £7.50, £6, £3 only.
Friday April 5 5.00pm	ENGLISH BAROQUE CHOIR & ORCHESTRA. Leon Lovett (cond). Kathleen Livingstone (soprano). Margaret Cable (contralto). Ryland Davies (tenor). Peter Savidge (bass). Neil Mackie (Evangelist). William Shimell (Christus). Bach: St Matthew Passion: (Sung in German). £9.50, £8.50, £7.50, £5 only.
Saturday April 6 3.00pm	MR HANDEL IN LONDON. A Concert for Children. Introduced and directed by Christopher Hogwood, Academy of Ancient Music. Emma Kirkby (soprano). David Thomas (bass). Prog inc. Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks; Arrival of the Queen of Sheba from 'Solomon'; and other popular works. All seats £3.50.
Saturday April 6 8.00pm	THE GLORY OF EASTER. London Concert Orchestra. Robert Ziegler (cond). Ann Mackay (soprano). Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumpet). Prog. inc. Bach: Air on a G string; Sheep may safely graze; Jesu joy of man's desiring. Clarke: Trumpet Voluntary. Handel: Let the bright Seraphim; Water Music Suite. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4.50. Raymond Gubbay Ltd.
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Tuesday April 9 7.45pm	NEW SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Vilem Tausky (cond). Blue Danube Dancers. Strauss: Ov 'Die Fledermaus'; Entrance March from 'The Gypsy Baron'; Cuckoo Polka; Perpetuum mobile; Champagne Polka; Emperor Waltz; Voices of Spring; Hunting Polka; Egyptian March; The Blue Danube Waltz; Bahn Frei Polka; Anvil Polka. Lehar: Gold and Silver Waltz; Radetzky March. Waldteufel: Skaters' Waltz. £8, £7, £6, £4 only. Victor Hochhauser Ltd.
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Thursday April 11 8.00pm	TCHAIKOVSKY EVENING. London Concert Orchestra. Band of the Welsh Guards. Harry Rabinowitz (cond). Leland Chen (violin). Tchaikovsky: Marche Slave; 'Swan Lake' Suite; Violin Concerto, Nutcracker Suite; Overture '1812', (cannon & mortar effects). £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4.50. Raymond Gubbay Ltd.

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Monday April 1 7.30 pm	STANFORD STRING QUARTET £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80 Choveaux Management	Beethoven: Quartet in B flat Op 18 No 6; Peter Mennin: Quartet No 2 (1st Lon perf); Schubert: Quartet in D minor D810 "Death and the Maiden."
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Thursday April 4 7.30 pm	MARC PONTHUS piano £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80. Choveaux Management.	Brahms: 2 Rhapsodies Op 79; Chopin: Polonaise-Fantaisie Op 61; Ravel: Gaspard de la Nuit; Boulez: Sonata No 3; Beethoven: Sonata in C min Op 111.
Saturday April 6 7.30 pm	BRODSKY STRING QUARTET BARRY DOUGLAS piano £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80.	Haydn: Quartet in F minor Op 55 No 2 "The Razor"; Bartok: Quartet No 1 (1908-9); Brahms: Piano Quintet in F Minor Op 34.
Sunday April 7 7.30 pm	COLIN CARR cello £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2. Peter Biddulph/Clarion Concert Agency.	Bach Suites 1 (2nd concert, April 9) Suite No 3 in C BWV1009. Suite No 1 in G BWV1007. Suite No 5 in C minor BWV1011.
Monday April 8 7.30 pm	RAYMOND COHEN violin ANTHYA RAEL piano £5.50, £4.50, £3.50, £2.50 Grange Concert Management	Beethoven: Sonata in A Op 47 "Kreutzer"; Elgar: Sonata in E minor Op 82; Cesar Franck: Sonata in A (1886).
Tuesday April 9 7.30 pm	COLIN CARR cello £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2. Peter Biddulph/Clarion Concert Agency.	Bach Suites 2 Suite No 4 in E flat BWV1010. Suite No 2 in D minor BWV1008. Suite No 6 in D BWV1012.
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Wednesday April 3 7.30 pm	DIVERTIMENTI. Paul Barritt dir. Antony Pay cond. Martyn Hill ten. Mozart: Divertimento in F K138. Bridge: Lament. Grainger: My Robin is to the Greenwood gone. John Hawkins: Voices from the Sea (1st perf). Warlock: The Curlew. Mozart: Divertimento in D K.251. £4, £3, £2. — Divertimenti Ltd/KCM
Easter Sunday April 7 7.30 pm	GABRIELI CONSORT and PLAYERS Paul McCreesh dir. Easter in Monteverdi's Venice 1640. Virtuoso madrigals by Monteverdi; sacred music for Easter Vespers by Rossetti, Grandi, Monteverdi & Rigatti. Instrumental music by Marini and Fontana, harp solos by Trabaci. Tickets: £6, £5, £4, £2.

BARBICAN HALL.— March 30. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the concert performance of Mike Batt's "Hunting of the Snark" has been cancelled. Ticket holders please return tickets to the Box Office by post for full refund.

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ARTS THEATRE. 836 2132/3334. GLC BLACK THEATRE SEASON. Last Perf Ton't 8 pm. Carib Theatre prods. presents THE NEW HARDWARE STORE by Earl Lovelace. "Brings the Black Theatre Season to a memorable end." S. Times.

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NATIONAL FILM THEATRE 928 3232. NFT 1: 3.0 THE OUTSIDERS (USA 1983). NFT 1: 4.0 THE WIZARD OF OZ (U) (USA 1940) (Tickets £1.20 children; £2.40 adults). NFT 1: 6.30 THE DISCREET CHARM OF THE BOURGEOISIE (EST) (France 1972). NFT 1: 8.35 THE FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S WOMAN (GB 1981). NFT 2: 6.15 SOUTHERN INDEPENDENT 8: SOUTHERN AVANT-GARDE. NFT 2: 8.30 PILGRIMAGE AT NIGHT (EST) (Japan 1959) 140 mins.

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PHOENIX, East Finchley. 883 2233. 2010: THE YEAR WE MAKE CONTACT (PG), at 3.45, 6.00 8.20. Ends April 4. Ton't at 11 pm 2010: THE YEAR WE MAKE CONTACT (PG).

SCREEN AT THE ELECTRIC. 229 3694 Four Oscar Nominations Mel Gibson, Sissy Spacek THE RIVER (15). 4.0 6.35 9.0 Late Show 11.15 PRINCE IN PURPLE RAIN (15). PERFORMANCE (18) Sun. Matinee 2.30 Woody Allen's BROADWAY DANNY ROSE (PG).

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SCREEN ON THE HILL. 435 3366. 435 9787. Rupert Everett and Miranda Richardson as Ruth Ellis in DANCE WITH A STRANGER (15), 2.30, 4.35, 7.0, 9.0, 11.15 Tickets bookable. Lic bar.

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Losey's film of Mozart's DON GIOVANNI (PG), at 1.15 (not Sun.), 4.20, 7.35.

ACADEMY 2. Olivier's RICHARD III (U). Film at 2.0 (not Sun.), 5.0, 8.0.

ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Marcel Carné's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG). Films 4.10 & 7.30.

BARBICAN CINEMA. 628 8795. Student reducts at all perfs. In Dolby Stereo. Today Kids Club 11.00 & 2.30 Flash Gordon (PG) + Cartoon. Ton't. David Lynch's sci-fi epic DUNE, 6.00, 8.30. Tickets Bookable.

CAMDEN PLAZA. 485 2443 (opp tube Camden Town). Yosseliani's FAVOURITES OF THE MOON (15). Film at 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50.

CHELSEA CINEMA. 351 3742. Kings Road, SW3 (Nearest Tube Sloane Sq). Yosseliani's FAVOURITES OF THE MOON (15). Film at 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50. Advance Booking last perf. only.

CURZON MAYFAIR, Curzon St, W1. 01-499 3737. James Mason, Edward Fox in THE SHOOTING PARTY (15). "Superb" S. Exp. "A Brilliant Film" BBC. Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

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GATE, BLOOMSBURY 1 and 2. 837 8402/1177. Russell St. Tube. 1 A PRIVATE FUNCTION (15). 3.45, 5.30, 7.15, 9.0. 2 Chaplin Festival: THE GREAT DICTATOR. Sep. progs 3.30, 6.0, 8.30. Tomorrow: KID AUTO RACES plus LIMELIGHT. Sep progs 3.30, 6.0, 8.30.

GATE, NOTTING HILL. 221 0220, 727 5750. PRETTY BABY (18), 1.45, 6.45. A TIN DRUM (18), 3.45, 8.15. L.N. 11.15 p.m. THE CANTERBURY TALES (18). DECAMERON (18). Tomorrow: THREE BROTHERS (15), 3.15, 7.10. YOL (15), 5.10, 9.10.

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BBC-1

7 10-8 25 am Open University. 8 30 Roobarb. 8 35 Battle of the Planets. 9 0 Saturday Superstore. 12 12 pm Weather News.

12 15 **GRANDSTAND.** Desmond Lynam introduces the Big Race edition from Aintree, with most of the first part of the programme given over to scene-setting stuff *on the runners, riders, the course, etc, all* leading up to the Grand National itself (3 20). Plus: news (1 0); half-time soccer (3 45); international Rugby Union — live second-half coverage of the Ireland v England match, plus highlights of France v Wales (3 50); final score (4 50).

5 5 **NEWS;** Weather News; regional news magazines.

5 20 **DOCTOR WHO:** Revelation of the Daleks, Part 2. Colin Baker as the Doc, tangling with his oldest foe for the last time before the old-faithful series goes into its suspended animation. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 5 **TERRY AND JUNE:** Wine Women and So Long. And talking of suspended animation . . . T. Scott, J. Whitfield as the soporific suburbanites, in re-run sitcom.

6 35 **HOOPER.** Former stuntman Hal Needham pays affectionate tribute to his old trade in *this jolly, action-packed comedy, made in* 1978, with Burt Reynolds as the world's top daredevil, Jan-Michael Vincent as the young Turk jostling for his crown, plus Sally Field, Brian Keith.

8 10 **DYNASTY:** The Mortgage. Can the Carringtons manage to hang on to the mansion if Blake gets his act together, Krystle flogs her furs and the kitchen cuts down on *caviare butties? Mind you, with the* household diminishing so fast a bungalow in Boulder might seem a better bet . . . ? Ceefax sub-titles.

9 0 **BERGERAC:** The Company You Keep. Another re-run case for the Jersey cop (John Nettles) with *lovely Mel Martin* guesting as a disorganised informer. Ceefax sub-titles.

9 50 **NEWS;** sport; weather.

10 5 **MATCH OF THE DAY SPECIAL.** Jimmy *Hill with the soccer highlights of two First* Division matches, plus a replay of the Grand National.

11 5 **BLACK CHRISTMAS.** Sadistic murderer terrorises inmates of a college sorority house over the Christmas holiday: Olivia Hussey, Keir Dullea, Margot Kidder *lead* bizarre and unappetising horror yarn, Canadian-made in 1975. 12 40 Weather; *close.*

Scotland: 10 5-11 5 pm Sportscene.

BBC-2

6 25 am Open University. 1 55 pm Interval.

2 5 **THE KID.** Young Jackie Coogan as the infant orphan befriended by tramp Charlie Chaplin, in the slapstick-and-sentiment classic, made in 1921.

2 55 **INTERNATIONAL RUGBY:** Ireland v. England. Bill McLaren is the commentator at Lansdowne Road for first-half coverage of of the crucial championship match, with Grand*stand picking it up* where BBC-2 leaves off.

3 50 **SUN CITY.** Another, timely showing for Ann Paul's film on the fun spot they call the Las Vegas of South Africa — an entertainment playground where apartheid is ignored

4 30 **THE PRINCE AND THE SHOWGIRL.** Laurence Olivier produced and directed the 1957 movie version of Terence Rattigan's stage hit — and the heaviness of the production is leavened by the intriguing and *successful teaming of Olivier himself* and Marilyn Monroe.

6 25 **THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED.** 2: In the Light of the Above. Repeat showing for last Tuesday's programme in James Burke's Mind-Boggling Discoveries series, another chance for some of us to try to understand what he's on about.

7 14 **NEWS;** sport; weather.

7 30 **DER ROSENKAVALIER.** The Royal Opera staging of Richard Strauss's delightful, much-loved opera, produced by John Schlesinger and launched at Covent Garden last December is introduced for *television* by John Mortimer. Sir Georg Solti conducts the work that marked *his Covent Garden debut,* 25 years ago; Kiri Te Kanawa sings the part of the Marschallin, the beautiful, mature aristocrat gathering rosebuds with her young cavalier lover (Anne Howells).

10 55 **HARTY GOES TO . . . OXFORD.** And meets one of Academe's greatest institutions in the shape of Professor A. L. Rowse.

11 25 **RUGBY SPECIAL:** Ireland v. England, France v. Wales. Nigel-Starmer-Smith with highlights of the day's two internationals.

12 35 **CLOSE.**

Wales: 1 55-4 30 pm International Rugby: France v. Wales.

Scotland: 1 55 pm Scottish Liberal Party Conference. 3 25-3 50 International Rugby. As BBC-2.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 8 30 The Wide-Awake Club. 9 25 Information; Cartoon Time. 9 35 Scooby Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 The Fall Guy.

12 15 **WORLD OF SPORT.** Including: wrestling (12 20; 4 20); news (12 45); On The Ball (12 50); yachting (1 20); indoor bowls — British *Open* from Darlington (1 30; 1 55; 2 25; 4 0); racing from Lingfield (1 40; 2 10; 3 35); half-time soccer (3 45); results (4 45).

5 0 **NEWS;** sport; weather.

5 5 **BLOCKBUSTERS.** Bob Holness with the teenagers' quiz.

5 35 **ROBIN OF SHERWOOD:** The Enchantment. Michael Praed leads the fugitive foresters in another sortie against the Norman overlords. Oracle sub-titles.

6 40 **THE FAME GAME.** Has opportunity come a-knocking for the acts given the thumbs-up by the punters in the course of the talent series? Tim Brooke-Taylor checks their progress in the real showbiz world, in this *last* edition.

7 20 **ALL STAR SECRET.** Michael Parkinson and another cluster of minor asteroids from the celebrity firmament play the embarrassing panel *game.*

7 50 **T. J. HOOKER:** Death On The Line. William Shatner as the sturdy lawman in another imported crime drama.

8 45 **THE PRICE IS RIGHT.** Leslie Crowther with the depth-plumbing quiz.

9 45 **NEWS;** *sport; weather.*

10 0 **TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED:** People Don't Do Such Things. Samantha Eggar leads this twist-ending mystery yarn about a wayward wife. London News Headlines.

10 30 **AUF WIEDERSEHEN, PET:** The Alien. More problems for the expat building workers, as Central's top-notch drama continues *its* re-run.

11 30 **MAGNUM:** Home From The Sea. Tom Selleck as the pin-up private eye in another crime-in-the-sun tale.

12 25 **MARVIN GAYE IN CONCERT.**

1 20 **THAT'S HOLLYWOOD:** The Fox Ladies.

1 45 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Moshe Davis. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 pm Black and White and Read All Over. 1 30 The Making of Britain: Europe and the Wider World.

2 0 **LILLIAN RUSSELL.** Alice Faye plays the turn-of-the-century musical star, in dreary 1940 biopic.

4 20 **COMPANY OF FOOLS.** Garfield Morgan, Maurice Kaufmann are among the vengeful shareholder victims of a company's collapse, in thriller from the Scales of Justice series.

5 5 **BROOKSIDE.**

6 0 **THE OUTER SIDE OF THE TRACKS.** *Sir Georg Solti and Placido* Domingo guide Paul Gambaccini through the unfamiliar terrain of the classical record market. News summary, weather.

7 0 **UNION WORLD.**

7 30 **CREDO:** Multifaith Britain and Christian Salvation. How does today's Church stand by its traditional view of other religions' followers—*as heathens doomed to Hell* unless they are converted — in a post-colonial and culturally mixed society? John Stapleton questions the Bishop of Manchester.

8 30 **MY WORLD AND WELCOME TO IT:** Seal In The Bedroom. More Thurberesque comedy, with William Windom as the fantasising cartoonist.

9 0 **THE GREEN LINE.** 2: Divide and Rule. Is the border running the length of Cyprus an unnecessary and artificial barrier? *Are Greek Cyp*riots and Turkish Cypriots really incapable of forging a new, united community?

10 0 **CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL AND CURLING.** Simon Reed with *action from the semi-finals of two* minority-sporting events: the National Basketball Championships from Wembley Arena, and the World Curling Championships from Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.

12 0 **DR X.** Lionel Attwill, Fay Wray, Preston Foster lead gloriously over-the-top horror classic, made in 1932, about the hunt for a cannibalistic killer who gets peckish when the moon is full. 1 20 Close.

S4C: 1 20 pm A Question of Economics. 1 50 Rygbi Rhyngwladol: Ffrainc v Cymru. 3 35 A Week in Politics. 4 20 Americans at War: Man Hunt (1941) with Walter Pidgeon. 6 5 Where in the World? 6 30 The Avengers. 7 30 Newyddion. 7 45 Sion a Sian. 8 15 Portreadau. 8 45 PWL. 9 15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10 30 Championship Curling and Basketball. 12 30 am Diwedd.

Anglia

6 15 As London.
11 20 *Chips.*
12 15 As London.
11 30 am The Monte Carlo Show.
12 25 Julian of Norwich: close.

Central

6 15 As London.
9 25 The Adventures of the Blue Knight.
9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.
10 0 No. 73.
11 20 Chips.
12 15 As London.
5 5 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 35 As London.
7 50 The Price is Right.
8 50 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 As London.
11 30 Shelley.
12 0 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London.
9 57 Puffin's Pla(i)ce.
10 0 No. 73.
11 20 Tarzan.
12 15 As London.
5 10 The Smurfs.
5 35 As London.
7 50 The Price is Right.
8 50 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 As London.
11 30 Live from London.
12 30 Weather; close.

Granada

6 15 As London.
11 20 Chips.
12 15 As London.
5 5 Diff'rent Strokes.
5 35 As London.
7 50 The Price is Right.
8 50 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 As London.
11 30 Film: Soylent Green. 1973 SF drama with Charlton Heston.
1 05 The Ventures in Concert.
1 40 Close

HTV

6 15 As London.
11 20 The Little House on the Prairie.
12 15 As London.
5 5 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 35 As London.
7 50 The Price is Right.
8 50 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 As London.
11 30 The Demis Roussos Magic.
12 40 Weather; close.

South

6 15 am As London.
11 20 The Green Hornet.
11 45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio.
12 15 *As London.*
11 30 Cher at Caesar's Palace.
12 30 Company; close.

South-West

6 15 As London.
9 57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
10 0 No. 73
11 20 Danger Freaks.
12 15 *As London.*
5 5 Newsport.
5 10 The Smurfs Easter Special.
5 35 As London.
7 50 The Price Is Right.
8 50 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 As London.
11 30 Live from London.
12 30 Postscript; close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London.
11 20 *The Adventurer.*
11 50 Joanie Loves Chachi.
12 15 As London.
5 5 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 35 As London.
7 50 The Price is Right.
8 50 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 As London.
11 30 The Master.
12 25 Close.

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Dave Lee Travis. 1 0 pm Punk to Present. 2 0 Paul Gambaccini. 4 0 Saturday Live. 6 30 In Concert: Screaming Blue Messiahs and Roaring Boys. 7 30 Phil Kennedy. 9 30-12 0 midnight Dixie Peach.

Radio 2

4 0 am David Dunning. 6 0 George Ferguson. 8 5 David Jacobs. 10 0 Sounds of the 60s. 11 0 Album Time. 1 0 pm The News Huddlines. 1 30 Sport on 2. 6 0 Folk on 2. 7 0 Beat the Record. 7 30 Gala Concert: The Vienna of Strauss and Friends. 9 0 The National Big Band Competition All Winners Concert. 10 5 Steve Jones. 12 5 am Night Owls. 1 0 Steve Madden. 3 0-4 0 Wally Whyton.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Aubade.
9 0 News; Record Review: Smetana's *Má Vlast; Sibelius songs;* British music.
10 15 Stereo Release.
11 35 Salzburg Festival 1984: Krystian Zimerman (piano), Vienna PO/Karajan. Schumann: Piano Concerto: (12 5 Interval); Brahms: Symphony No 1.
1 0 News; Czech Piano Music (Radoslav Kvapil). Smetana: Hulan from Czech Dances; Jiri Teml: Five Studies; Janacek: On an Overgrown Path; Martinu: Polkas and Studies.
2 0 Otto Klemperer conducts Wagner: Siegfried's Funeral Music; Mendelssohn: Ye spotted snakes (Heather Harper, Janet Baker, Philharmonia); Hindemith: Nobilissima Visione; Beethoven: Agnus Dei from Missa Solemnis (Soderstrom / Hoffgen / Kmentt / Talvela / NPO); Schubert: Symphony No 5; Mozart: Horn Concerto No 2 (Alan Civil / Philharmonia); Bruckner: Symphony No 8 (NPO).
5 0 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics' Forum.
6 35 Liszt (La lugubre gondola; Nuages gris; La Notte) and Chopin (Sonata Op 35). Krystian Zimerman (piano).
7 25 P. L. Travers. Conversation with the *author of Friend Monkey* and Mary Poppins.
8 0 British Music. BBC PO / Thomson, Ernst Kovacic (violin), Delia Fletcher (sop). Vaughan Williams: Pastoral Symphony.
8 40 In Ciro's Boat. From Siren Land by Norman Douglas.
9 0 Concert, part 2. David Matthews: Violin Concerto; Christopher Steel: Symphony No 4.
9 40 Percy Grainger and Friends. Susan Kessler (mezzo), Geoffrey Parsons (piano): songs by Grieg, Grainger, Quirtes.
10 45 Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields. Corelli: Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 5; Telemann: Concerto *for three horns and strings;* Mozart: Symphony No 18.
11 10 A Swiss Nocturne. Othmar Schoeck: Notturno. Bochmann Quartet with Ian Caddy (baritone).
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Farming Today.
6 50 *Prayer for the Day.*
7 0 News; Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm.
7 45 In Perspective. Religious affairs.
7 50 Down to Earth. Garden Jobs.
8 0 News; Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 45 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; Breakaway: Holiday guide.
9 50 News Stand. Pick of the weeklies.
10 5 The Week in Westminster.
10 30 Pick of the Week.
11 30 From our own Correspondent.
12 0 News; Money Box. Financial tips.
12 27 Nineteen Ninety-Four. Comedy series (2).
1 0 News; Any Questions with Denis Healey, Andrew Neil, Kenneth Baker, Katharine Whitehorn.
2 0 News; Afternoon Play: Talk of Love and War, by Don Haworth. Conversation between two fighter pilots.
3 0 News; Funny You Should Sing That. Comic song history.
3 30 Mysterious Messenger. Eduard Schulte — the unknown German industrialist who passed vital information to the allies.
4 15 Water, Water Everywhere — from *spring to sewage farm.*
4 45 Bolshoi Tyshinsky No. 26. Life in a Moscow apartment house.
5 0 Wildlife. Nature magazine.
5 25 Week Ending. Alternative view of the news.
6 0 News.
6 25 Desert Island Discs: Jimmy Savile.
7 5 Stop the Week.
7 45 Baker's Dozen. Easy classics.
8 30 Saturday-Night Theatre: Muggers. Crime drama, by Allan Prior.
10 0 News.
10 15 Evening Service.
10 30 Soundings. Ethical issues.
11 0 Science Now. Weekly lab report.
11 30 In One Ear. Gag show.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

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Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 32 Farming News. 6 50 As Radio 4. 7 10 Travel Time. 7 35 Weekly Report. 8 0 News; Leisure Trail. 9 3 Top Forty Show. 10 30 Call David Scott. 11 30 Jimmy Mack's Old Gold. 1 3 Gerry McKenzie's Tartan Terror Show. 2 2 Sportsound. 6 0 News; Take the Floor. 7 30 Nashville Express. 8-30-Close As Radio 4.

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SUNDAY

BBC-1

6 45-8 50 am *Open University.* 8 55 Play School. 9 10 Taking Stock. 9 35 Business Club. 10 0 Asian Magazine. 10 30 Use your Head. 10 55 Greek *Language and People. 11 20 Sunday Worship for* Palm Sunday. 12 5 pm Mr Smith's Indoor Garden. 12 30 Farming. 12 55 News Headlines. 1 0 The *Queen in Portugal.* 1 30 Wildlife on One: The Great Hedgehog Mystery. Ceefax sub-titles. 2 0 Eastenders. omnibus edition. Ceefax sub-titles. 3 0 Film: Sir Michael Redgrave in The Dam Busters. 1954 war heroics with Richard Todd. 5 0 Top Gear. London and S-East only — see below for regional variations. 5 30 The Pink Panther. Cartoon.

5 50 **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW.** Hugh Scully and *the experts meet the heirloom-owners* again in a new series, starting off in Swansea.

6 30 **NEWS;** Weather News.

6 40 **SONGS OF PRAISE.** For Palm Sunday, from Chelmsford Cathedral.

7 15 **LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE:** Serenade for Tight Jeans and a Metal Detector. Ceefax sub-titles.

7 45 **JULIET BRAVO:** Guilt. Anna Carteret as the compassionate boss cop. Ceefax sub-*titles.*

8 35 **MASTERMIND.** First semi-final of the quiz, with tonight's hopefuls offering knowledge of *Boccaccio's Decameron,* World War Two, British birds and the second Anglo-Boer War.

9 5 **DUET FOR ONE,** by Tom Kempinski. Frances de la Tour recreates her West End role in this TV version of the powerful *dramatic two-hander written specially for* the actress by the actor playwright who is also the father of her children. She plays multiple sclerosis victim Stephanie, a world-famous violinist whose career has been tragically terminated by the disease, and who now seeks psychiatric help (from David de Keyser, also from the stage production) to help her cope with the loss of her whole world. Ceefax sub-titles.

10 30 **NEWS;** Weather News.

10 45 **THE ROCK GOSPEL SHOW.** Sheila Walsh *introduces more swinging songs of praise.*

11 20 **THE COMING OF AGE:** Staying Home. What schemes are available for older people who want to continue living in their own homes?

11 50 **THE SKY AT NIGHT:** The Sky in Infra-Red.

12 10 Weather; close.

Wales: 2 0-3 0 pm Weekend Rugby Union. 4 30-5 0 A Question of Sport. 10 45 The Silver Road to Guanajuato. 11 35 The Rock Gospel Show. 12 10 The Coming of Age. 12 40-12 45 News; Close.
Scotland: 9 35-10 0 am Use Your Head. 10 30-11 20 Seven Days. 12 30-12 53 pm Landward. 4 30-5 0 Top Gear.
Northern Ireland: 4 30-5 0 pm Star Brass.
England: 4 30-5 0 pm East: Inside Story London & South-East: Top Gear. Midlands: Day Out. North: The Candidates from Mirpur. North-East: The Allotment Show. North-West: Sit Thi Deawn. South: Exploring Gardens. South-West: A38—An English Road. West: We Have Seen the Libraries of Longleat.

BBC-2

6 50 am *Open University.* 3 10 pm Bridge Club. 3 35 Master Photographers: Andre Kertesz. 4 10 Horizon: How to Film the *Impossible.*

5 0 **PRINCE — IN SYRACUSE.** British *followers of the latest US pop* phenomenon can see what all the hype is about, in this Whistle Test *special offering* satellite coverage of his New York State concert.

6 0 **NEWS REVIEW.** With sub-titles, presented by Jan Leeming.

6 30 **THE MONEY PROGRAMME.** Brian Widlake, Valerie Singleton conclude the series with a report on the lucrative new industry mushrooming out of obsolete atomic power stations; another from one of our top museums on the rising cost of conserving the past.

7 15 **IN SEARCH OF THE TROJAN WAR.** 6: The Fall Of Troy. Michael Wood ends his historical detective story by focusing on the destruction of the legendary city and asking who, if not the Greeks, could have dunnit. And if it was the Greeks, who next destroyed the destroyers?

8 15 **HARTY RETURNS TO . . . OXFORD.** Concluding his tour of his old undergraduate haunts.

9 5 **APOCALYPSE NOW.** Not quite the definitive portrait of war as hell that the director hoped to achieve, perhaps, but Francis Coppola's con*troversial 1979 Vietnam epic goes* further than most towards conveying the nightmare, surreal experience of modern warfare. With Martin Sheen as the Army Captain detailed to track down and kill rogue officer Marlon Brandon, holed up in the Cambodian jungle, plus Robert Duvall, Frederic Forrest, it opens a welcome Coppola season which will include another *TV premiere — of One From The* Heart — plus both Godfathers.

11 30 **PAT BENATAR IN CONCERT.** Rerun music with the Grammy-*winning rock singer, including* Shadows Of The Night, and Love Is A Battlefield.

12 25 Close.

ITV London

6 55 *am Good Morning* Britain including 7 2 Rub-a-Dub-Tub; 8 2 The Get Along Gang; 8 30 David Frost. 9 25 Information; Crafts Made Simple. 10 0 Morning Worship. 10 45 The Faces of Christ. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Coping. 12 0 Weekend World: Future of the BBC. 1 0 pm Police 5. 1 15 The Smurfs. 1 30 Survival. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match Live: Liverpool v. Manchester United. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Benson. 5 30 The Queen in Portugal. 6 0 Bullseye.

6 30 **NEWS;** weather.

6 40 **HIGHWAY:** Northampton. Harry Secombe continues his musical journey, joined this week by The Little Foxes.

7 15 **THE PRACTICE.** More headaches *for the health centre medics,* with patient Norman demanding to be told the truth, under-age Janis keen to be a Mum, and dipso Dr Biddy (Ronald Fraser) leaving everyone else to pick up the pieces. Oracle sub-titles.

7 45 **A ROYAL NIGHT OF ONE HUNDRED STARS.** So it was a charity gala, so we *should be charitable* about LWT's liberal interpretation of "star" — A Royal Night of One Hundred TV Actors, Comics, Quiz-Show Hosts and People who advertise things doesn't have quite the same ring. Jimmy Tarbuck introduces the variety show staged at the National Theatre two weeks ago, with "Britain's favourite funnyman Russ Abbot heading the comedy line-up," it says here, so you can work out the support. Plus music from Lulu, Lena Zavaroni, even *Rustie Lee* and a chorus of thousands; starriest bit, some would say, is the experience of the Georgian State Dance Company.

10 15 **NEWS;** weather.

10 30 **THE SOUTH BANK SHOW.** A double bill tonight, kicking off with a close-up look at those amazing circus feats performed on stage each night by *Barnum bill-topper Michael Craw*ford. Alan Benson and Daniel Wiles' film follows the acrobatic actor in training at the New York Circus School. Plus a profile of maverick pop troubadour Billy Bragg (no relation), lone rebel against the pretensions of the music business. London News Headlines.

11 30 **BREADLINE BRITAIN.** Continuing the repeated investigation into poverty in today's Britain.

12 25 **HARDCASTLE AND McCORMICK.** Brian Keith, Daniel Hugh-Kelly lead the formula crime-busting.

1 15 **SEVEN DEADLY SINS.** 1 25 closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 pm Irish Angle. 1 30 Face the Press: Yves Montand. 2 0 Film: Thoroughly Modern Millie. 1967 musical comedy with Julie Andrews, Mary Tyler Moore, Beatrice Lillie, James Fox, John Gavin, Carol Channing.

4 40 **DANGEROUS JOURNEY.** 1: The Slough of Despond. Paul Copley narrates this Every-child's version of John Bunyan's A Pilgrim's Progress.

4 55 **THE AMATEUR NATURALIST:** Upstream, Downstream. The Durrells investigate the wildlife of the River Wye.

5 25 **BASKETBALL:** The Carlsberg Natio*nal Championship Final.*

7 15 **FRAGILE EARTH.** Kalahari: Wilderness Without Water. As well as the lack of water, the baking daytime heat and freezing nights of Africa's most forbidding desert make it an environment where only the most resourceful can survive.

8 15 **TROPICAL MOON OVER DORKING,** by Jeremy Burnham. Myra is a romantic novelist of the new school, whose hearts-and-flowers tales are churned out on a word processor, in between breaks to cope with kids and chores. She also has problems with her hero and heroine (*Nicky Henson* and Hetty Baynes) who after 25 books want to know when they'll be allowed *to . . . you know.* Pauline Collins plays Myra, Michael Gambon is her husband, in this play from Limehouse Productions.

9 15 **GUITARRA!** Rondo. The history of the Spanish guitar reaches the 19th century.

9 50 **OPINIONS.** Opening a new Opinions series, the veteran photographer *Roman Vishniac shows us some of* the uniquely historic, unbearably poignant photographs which he took as a record of Europe's Jewish communities even as they were being destroyed by the Holocaust.

10 20 **CURLING:** The World Championship Finals. Highlights from Glasgow.

11 20 **THE BLACK ROOM.** Made in 1935, this spooky Transylvanian horror yarn stars Boris Karloff in a dual role as twin brothers, one evil, one a goodie, doomed by an ancient curse. 12 35 Close.

SC4: 2 15 pm The Living Body. 2 45 Gardeners' World. 3 10 Union World. 3 40 Film: Libel (1959) with Dirk Bogarde, Olivia de Havilland, Paul Massie. 5 30 Basketball. 7 15 Sioe Siarad. 7 30 Newyddion. 7 35 Hafod Henri. 8 5 No Sul 'da Sulwyn. 8 45 Almanac. 9 20 Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol. 9 50 Galwad i'r Genedl. *10 20 Curling. 11 15 The Ever-Popular* Tortured Artist Effect. 12 45 Diwedd.

Anglia

6 55 As London.
9 30 Perspective.
10 0 As London.
11 30 Crafts Made Simple.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Silver Spoons.
1 25 Weather Trends.
1 30 Farming Diary.
2 0 As London.
5 0 A War in the Kingdom.
5 30 As London.
11 30 Magnum.
12 25 Undercurrents; close.

Central

6 55 As London.
9 25 Wattoo, Wattoo.
9 30 The Flying Kiwi.
10 0 As London.
11 30 Crafts Made Simple.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Star Fleet.
1 30 Here and Now.
2 0 As London.
5 30 The New Fred and Barney Show.
6 0 As London.
11 30 The Streets of San Francisco.
12 30 Close.

Channel

6 55 As London.
9 25 Close.
12 50 Starting Point.
12 55 Good News.
1 0 Gardens for All.
1 30 Getting On.
2 0 As London.
5 0 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 30 As London.
11 30 Legmen.
12 25 Weather; close.

Granada

6 55 As London.
9 25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces.
9 35 Window *on* the World.
10 0 Morning Worship.
10 45 The Faces of Christ.
11 0 Crafts Made Simple.
11 25 Aap Kaa Hak.
11 30 This is your Right.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 The Protectors.
6 0 The Queen in Portugal.
2 0 As London.
5 0 The Love Boat.
6 0 As London.
11 30 Simon and Simon.
12 25 Close.

HTV

6 55 As London.
9 25 Home Cookery Club.
9 30 Rescued for a Reason.
10 0 As London
11 30 Crafts Made Simple.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 The Queen in Portugal.
1 30 Farming Wales.
2 0 As London.
5 0 Bullseye.
5 30 Falcon Crest.
6 30 As London.
11 30 The Big Ice.
12 30 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 9 30-10 0 am Encounter. 2 0-2 30 pm Celebration.

South

6 55 As London.
9 25 Action Line.
9 35 Atom Ant.
10 0 Morning Worship.
10 45 The Faces of Christ.
11 0 Link.
11 30 Crafts Made Simple.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Agenda.
1 30 Farm Focus.
2 0 *As London.*
4 30 Ace Crawford Private Eye.
5 0 The Queen in Portugal.
5 30 Supergran.
6 0 As London.
11 30 The Streets of San Francisco.
12 30 Company; close.

South-West

6 55 As London.
9 30 Link.
10 0 Morning Worship.
10 45 The Faces of Christ.
11 0 Crafts Made Simple.
11 25 Look and See.
11 30 Farming News.
11 55 Postscript Diary.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Gardens for All.
1 30 *The South-west Week.*
2 0 As London.
5 0 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 30 As London.
11 30 Legmen.
12 25 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 55 As London.
9 25 Morning Glory.
9 30 Link.
10 0 Morning Worship.
10 45 Faces of Christ.
11 0 Crafts Made Simple.
11 25 Lookaround.
11 30 Batman.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 Farming Outlook.
1 30 The Smurfs.
2 0 As London.
5 0 Bullseye.
5 30 Short Story Theatre.
6 0 The Queen in Portugal.
6 30 As London.
11 30 TX 45.
12 15 Epilogue; close.

Yorkshire

6 55 As London.
9 25 Link.
10 0 Morning Worship.
10 45 The Faces of Christ.
11 0 Crafts Made Simple.
11 30 Farming Diary.
12 0 Weekend World.
1 0 The Champions.
2 0 As London.
5 0 Bullseye.
5 30 The Jimmy Young Television Programme.
6 0 The Queen in Portugal.
6 30 As London.
11 30 Session.
12 30 Five Minutes; close.

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Steve Wright. *12 30 pm Jimmy* Savile's "Old Record" Club: 1969, 1981. 2 30 Adrian Juste. 4 30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz. 5 0 Top 40. 7 0 Anne Nightingale. 9 0 Robbie Vincent. 11 0-12 0 midnight The Ranking Miss P with Culture Rock.

Radio 2

4 0 *am David Dunning.* 6 0 George Ferguson. 7 30 Paul McDowell. 9 0 Melodies for You. 11 0 Desmond Carrington. 1 0 pm Ken Bruce Presents Two's Best. 2 0 Benny Green. 3 0 Alan Dell. 4 0 It's a Funny Business says Terry Wogan. 4 30 Sing Something Simple. 5 0 Charlie Chester. 6 30 Twentieth Century Troubadour: Gilbert Becaud. 7 0 Niall Murray Sings. 7 30 Glamorous Nights. 8 30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9 0 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10 5 Songs from the Shows. 10 45 Dennis Gomm. 11 0 Sounds of Jazz. 1 0 am Steve Madden. 3 0-4 0 Ken Bruce Presents Two's Best.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Mozart and Ravel.
8 0 *Bach Cantatas — 1724: No. 182 for* Palm Sunday — Himmelskonig sei willkommen; Reincken: Sonata in A minor; Chorale Preludes by Pachelbel.
9 0 News; Your Concert Choice. Tartini: Devil's Trill Sonata; Chopin, arr Godowsky: Etude Op 10 No. 5 (Jorge Bolet, piano); Chausson: Concerto for violin, piano and string quartet (Itzhak Perlman/ *Jorge Bolet/Juilliard); Stra*vinsky: Petrushka scenes 1-3 (Columbia SO/Stravinsky).
10 30 Music Weekly.
11 15 From the Proms 1984: Vienna PO/Abbado. Mozart: Prague Symphony.
11 45 Words. Language and how we use it.
11 50 Concert, part 2. Bruckner: Symphony No. 7 (ed Nowak).
1 10 *Poulenc (Sextet for piano and* wind) and Satie (Sports et Divertissements). Lontano, dir Odaline de la Martinez, Sian Phillips (speaker).
1 50 Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble with Rosemary Hardy (sop). Telemann (Don Quixote), Handel, Babell, (2 25 Interval); A. Scarlatti, Sammartini, Johan Helmich Roman.
3 10 Symphonic Variations by Parry (LPO/Boult) and Franck (Pascal Roge, piano, Cleveland Orch/Maazel).
3 45 *Beethovn Quartets Op 18 No. 1;* Op 133. Alban Berg Quartet.
4 30 Schumann: Twelve Lieder Op 35. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, *Harmut Holl (piano).*
5 15 The Uneasy Eye. Stephen Games on durability of modern art.
6 15 The Mantle of Beethoven. Ferdinand Ries: Rondo *Elegant Op* 122; Trifles 8 and 9; Allegro di Bravura No. 1 Georges Onslow: Sonata in C minor. Bernard Roberts (piano).
7 15 Dead Men by Mike Stott. Confrontation between passive revolutionary Prince Michael Bakunin, and fanatical advocate of mass terror, Sergei Nachaev.
9 5 Halle Orchestra / Loughran. Wagner: Flying Dutchman Overture; Schubert: Rosamunde Entr'acte; Strauss: Till Eulenspiegel.
9 40 *Fish* and Fowl. From Siren Land by Norman Douglas.
10 0 Halle, part 2. Mahler: Symphony No. 1.
11 0 Peter Serkin (piano). Mozart: Sonata K570; Chopin: Four Mazurkas; Beethoven: Sonata Op 109.
11 57 *News.*

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; *Morning Has Broken.*
7 0 *News;* Sunday Papers; 7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye; 7 45 Bells; 7 50 Turning Over New Leaves.
8 0 News; Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Lord Soper appeals on behalf of the distressed and deprived.
9 0 News; Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9 30 Morning Service.
10 15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11 15 Weekend.
12 0 The Right to Roam. 50 years of the Ramblers' association.
12 30 The Food Programme.
1 0 The World at One: News.
2 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time.
2 30 Afternoon Play: Jonatahn Wild by Henry Fielding. Story of an 18th century arch-villain.
4 0 News; The One Great Scorer: Young boxers from Durham.
4 30 The Living World.
5 0 News; Down Your Way in Dymock, Hertfordshire.
6 0 News.
6 15 Feedback.
6 30 Bookshelf.
7 0 The Gold of the Conqueror. Thriller serial by Colin Shaw (4).
7 30 *Words, Words, Words. Ian McKel*lan with prose and poetry.
7 50 A Voice Crying in the Wilderness. Isaiah. Lent talk.
8 5 Law in Action.
8 30 Central American Journey: 6: Costa Rica.
9 0 *News; Micah Clarke* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Swashbuckling serial (1).
10 0 News.
10 15 The Counselling Industry. Growing business of personal help-lines.
11 0 Life's Calvaries. 5: R S Thomas.
11 15 Inside Parliament.
12 0 News; Weather; Shipping.

VHF: 6 45-7 45 am Open University; 4 0-6 0 pm Study on 4.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Celebration. 8 40 Letter from America. 9 5 *All Things Considered.* 9 50 Landmark. 10 20 The Geevers Selection. 10 45 Sounds Unforgettable. 12 3 pm Radio Brynsiencyn. 12 30 First Edition. 1 15 Male Voice Choir Competition. 2 0 On Show. 2 30 Concert Hall 4 2 As Radio Cymru. 5 0 As Radio 4. 7 0-4 0 am As Cymru. 6 0 As Radio 4. 7 0-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 45 Open University. 7 45 Gweler Radio 4. 8 0 Newyddion; Papurau. 8 10 Bore Sul. 9 0 Newyddion; Papurau. 9 10 Segura. 9 30 Pinlwn. 10 30 Fresgo. 11 2 Cywair. 11 45 Oedfa'r Bore. 12 20 pm *Wythnos i'w Chofio.* 1 0 O'r Newydd. 1 40 Byw yn y Wlad. 2 0 Cerddwn Ymlaen. 2 30 Gweler Wales. 4 2 Gardd. 4 30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr. 5 0 Canllaw. 5 30 Dewch am Dro. 6 0 Gweler Radio 4. 7 30 Sain yr Utgorn. 8 0 Handel: Ei Fywyd a'i Waith. 8 45 Gwyn Erfyl. 9 15 Rhwng Gwyl a Gwaith. 10 3 Talwrn y Beirdd. 10 45 Ar Derfyn Dydd. 11 0-Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 30 am As Radio 4. 7 45 Letter from America. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Kathie Kay's Greeting Programme 9 0 News; Let Us Worship. 10 0 News; Just for Fun. 10 30 Seven Days. 11 20 Andy Cameron. 1 0 pm News; Gerry Davis. 2 0 News; Portrait. 2 30 John Karr Interview. 2 50 Musical Time Machines. 3 0 News; Prospect. 3 30 The Musical Garden. 4 30 Case and Paper. 5 0 News; As Radio 4. 5 30 Sunday Extra. *6 0-Close As Radio 4.*

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648kHz (463m) at the following times GMT: *6 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-*Four Hours. 7 30 From Our Own Correspondent. 7 50 Letter from London. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 Sports Review. 9 45 In Spite of Ourselves. 10 0 News. Short Story. 10 15 Classical Record Review. 10 30 Sunday Service. 11 0 News. 11 9 News about Britain. 11 15 From Our Own Correspondent. 1 0 pm News. 1 9 *Twenty-Four Hours.* 1 30 *Goldfinger.* 1 45 The Tony Myatt Request Show. 2 0 News Summary. 2 30 The Killing Season. 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 Concert Hall. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Land Reform. 4 45 Letter from America. 5 0 News. 5 9 Meridian. 5 40 Reflections. 8 0 News. 9 15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10 0 News. 10 9 At Home With . . . 10 25 Words. 10 30 Financial Review. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Letter from America. 11 30 Land Reform. 12 0 midnight News. 12 9 am News about Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Religious Service. 1 0 News. Now we are 60. 1 45 Shakespeare and *Music.* 2 0 *News.* 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Good Books. 2 30 Music Now. 3 0 News. 3 9 News about Britain 3 15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 3 30 Anything Goes. 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 Goldfinger. 5 45 *Recording of the Week.*

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

BRENDAN LARVOR. Happy 18th birthday tomorrow. Love, Mum, Dad and Ronan

DAVEY: Congratulations Jane on your eighteenth birthday. Mum and Dad.

DEATHS

KEMP (EDNA). — On March 26 1985, at her home, in Marple Bridge, Edna, aged 79 years, the dearly loved Wife of the late James H Kemp, and a much loved Sister and Aunt. Service and committal at Stockport Crematorium on Tuesday, April 2, at 12 30 pm. Inqs to Malcolm Shaw & Son. Tel 427 2276.

SOUTHWELL (ISABELLA WILHELMINA WARBURTON). — Widow of Sir Richard Southwell FRS, peacefully at home on March 27. Funeral 4 pm Tuesday April 2, Trumpington Church followed by private cremation. Cut flowers only please to the Old House, Church Lane, Trumpington, Cambridge.

STEELE. — On March 28, 1985, peacefully, in Pocklington Place, Northfield, Birmingham, MYRA KATHLEEN, aged 87 years. Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on Wednesday April 3 at 1 30 pm. Floral tributes and inquiries to: V. Morton & Sons, 705 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham. Tel. 021-476 9111.

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NATIONAL GALLERY, Trafalgar Square, London WC2. 01-839 3321. Wkdys 10-6 Suns 2-6. Adm free. MASTERPIECES FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND. Until May 27. Recorded info 01-839 3526. Closed Good Friday.

BOOTH HOUSE GALLERY HOLMFIRTH. Spring Exhibition March 31-April 30. New ceramic work by David Lloyd-Jones and David Winkley. Paintings by June Lloyd-Jones. 2 pm-5 pm daily. Tel 0484 685270.

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MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens, W1. HIDDEN PEOPLES OF THE AMAZON — Life in the Tropical Rainforest. Mon.-Sat. 10-5. Sun. 2.30-6. Adm. Free. Closed April 5.

SERPENTINE Gallery (Arts Council), Kensington Gdns. W2. CROSS-CURRENTS IN SWISS ART. Until April 8. Daily 10-6. Recorded info 01-723 9072. Free.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM — the Nation's Treasure House. S. Kensington. Library by appt. only. Wkdys 10-5.50. Suns. 2.30-5.50. Closed Fridays. Recorded info 01-581 4894.

BRITISH LIBRARY, Great Russell Street, WC1. SIGNS OF THE TIMES: The 200th anniversary of the newspaper. Wkdys 10-5. Suns. 2.30-6. Adm free.

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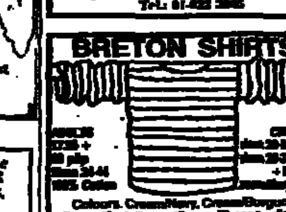
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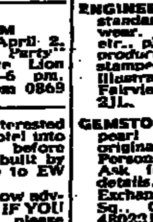


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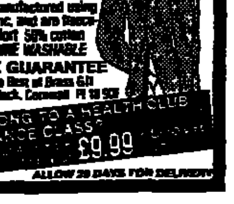
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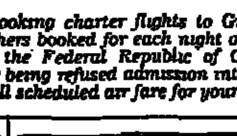
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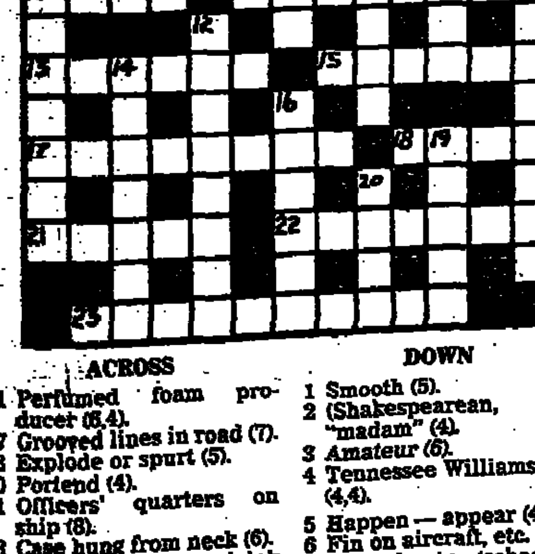
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ACROSS
1 Perfumed foam producer (6,4).
7 Grooved lines in road (7).
8 Explode or spurt (5).
10 Portend (4).
11 Officers' quarters on ship (8).
13 Case hung from neck (6).
15 Insensible from drink (6).
17 Secondary affair (4-4).
18 Precipitation — greeting! (4).
21 Former England football manager (5).
22 Flying object, easily 8 across? (7).
23 Praiseworthy (10).

DOWN
1 Smooth (5).
2 (Shakespearean, etc.) "madam" (4).
3 Amateur (6).
4 Tennessee Williams film (4,4).
5 Happen — appear (4,3).
6 Fin on aircraft, etc. (10).
9 Sea shanty (schoolboy playing cricket!) (3,7).
12 Framework for mattress (8).
14 Corpse (7).
16 Fight (6).
19 Got up ("—— by any other name . . .") (5).
20 Spill the beans (4).

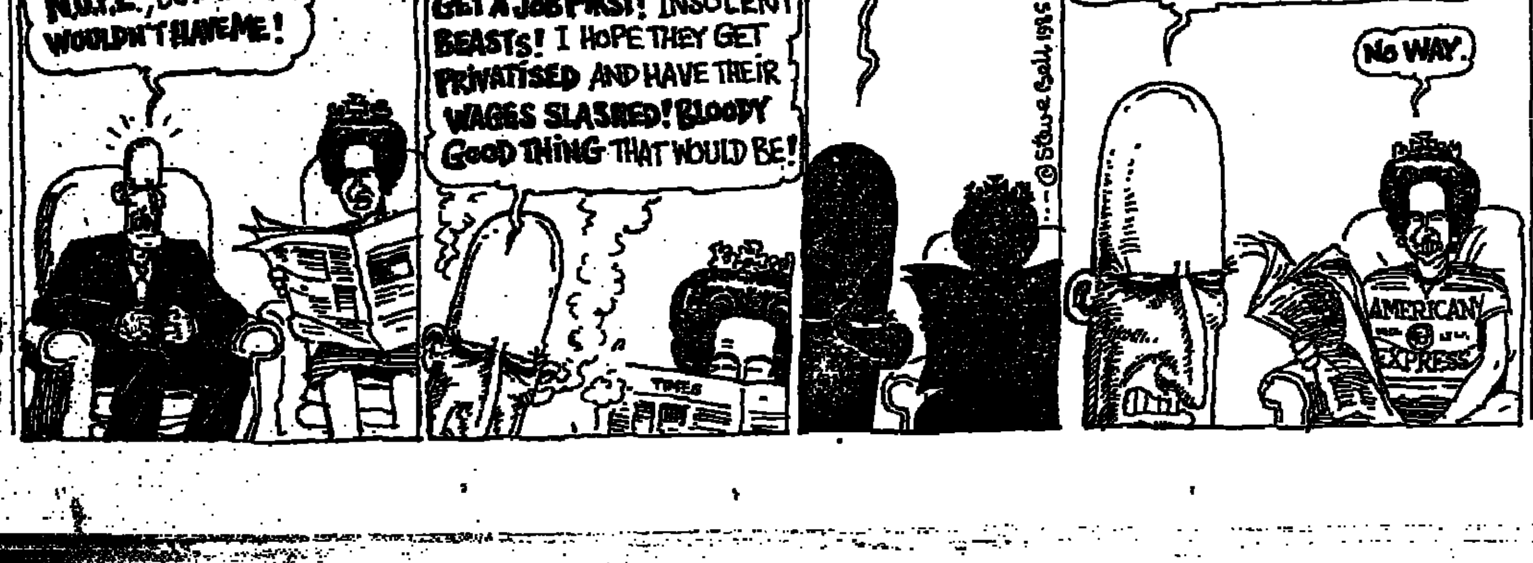
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Across: 1 Adjudicate; 7 Grandson; 8 Pace; 9 Shut; 10 Stuck up; 12 Galley proof; 14 Profile; 16 Stem; 19 Beer; 20 Generous; 21 Cottage pie.
Down: 1 Arras; 2 Jonquil; 3 Dusk; 4 Cenotaph; 5 Topic; 6 Scruff; 11 Red light; 12 Garnet; 13 Outcrop; 15 Forgo; 17 Mauve; 18 Snag.

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Steve Bell



Faulty parts halt C5 assembly

By David Simpson
Business Correspondent

PRODUCTION of Sir Clive Sinclair's C5 electric tricycle was halted at Hoover's Merthyr Tydfil factory yesterday because of a batch of faulty components.

A spokesman for Sinclair Vehicles said that most of the 100 employees involved in building the C5 would be switched to replacing a plastic moulding on between 2,000 and 3,000 of the vehicles in stock at the factory.

The fault, on the gearbox, did not affect the safety of the C5, only its performance, the spokesman said. The defective components had not been used on any of the three-wheelers already distributed.

Full production would resume in about three weeks, and there would be no supply shortage, he added.

The C5 has aroused considerable controversy since it went on sale earlier this year. The initial mail-order marketing sold about 5,000 of the vehicles. But since the C5 went on general sale at the beginning of March, the company has been unable to say how many have been sold.

About 5,000 more are believed to have been distributed, but there are no figures on whether these are lying in showrooms, or have found purchasers. Sinclair is producing 1,000 of the £399 vehicle each week at Merthyr Tydfil, and plans to accelerate manufacture to 100,000 C5s a year.

Two groups of students are touring cities in C5s on Sinclair Vehicles' behalf, partly to test the three-wheelers, and partly as a publicity exercise.

The next stage of Sir Clive's plans to produce a full electric car is heavily dependent on the success of the C5 to generate the necessary cash and establish a customer base for electric vehicles.

By around 1990, Sir Clive intends to manufacture a car, the C15, capable of travelling at about 80 miles and hour and with a range of 200 miles.

Liberal leader speaks of 'increasingly strange commands from the bunker'

Steel brands Thatcher 'The cuckoo'

By Peter Hetherington, Northern Political Correspondent

The Liberal leader, Mr David Steel yesterday turned round Mrs Thatcher's attack on the Government's clerical critics by labelling the Prime Minister the "biggest cuckoo of all."

In a bitter personal attack, he came close to questioning her ability to govern and said that increasingly strange commands were being issued by an authoritarian leader from her bunker.

Mr Steel told the Scottish Liberals in conference at Inverness that Mrs Thatcher was now so isolated from the real world that she had little idea of life in the rundown parts of Britain's cities.

When she finally nerved herself to leave the bunker and visit such parts it was in the middle of a "phalanx of police surrounded by bristling security." But she took no risks by meeting the British electorate and even ignored the growing band of critics in her own party. "She instead adopts the new political principle: my theories *right or wrong*."

In a reference to Mrs Thatcher's "cuckoo" attack on the *Bishop of Durham*, Mr Steel said: "If a cuckoo hunt has been declared why doesn't she start with the biggest *cuckoo of all, which sits on* the British economy and squeezes out jobs and homes? I mean the dogmatic monetarist *cuckoo* who has been sitting on the nest during her period in Government.

"When Edward Heath, Francis Pym and James Prior all agree with the Alliance on the need to kick the dogma out of the nest and start reviving the *economy with investment why* doesn't the Prime Minister listen? I sometimes wonder if she listens to anyone any *more, except perhaps* her inner voices."

Mr Steel said the Prime Minister had always been out of touch with ordinary people but now she seemed out of touch with her party and with reality. "She is the one who is living in Cloud-cuckoo-land and the whole country has been made to suffer for her delusions."

On the day after another party to celebrate his 20 years in Parliament, Mr Steel noted that, tragically, Mrs Thatcher showed no sign of mending her ways. "Britain now has bunker leadership with increasingly strange commands being issued by an authoritarian Prime Minister while outside in the real world more people are thrown on the industrial scrapheaps each day."

Taking a theme from restless Conservatives in Scotland—who believe that rating revaluation *could* erode further the Conservatives' slender base—Mr Steel said the Prime Minister had reneged on a *specific pledge to abolish* the domestic-rating system.

The computerisation of tax records now made the introduction of a local income tax possible and sensible. Such a move would be much fairer *than a poll tax*—advocated by some right-wing Conservatives—which would see a return by the Tories to "Victorian values with a vengeance" if introduced.

But the Liberal leader concentrated much of his attack on the erosion of business confidence and the growing consensus between members of all political parties and industrialists for a reflation of the economy.

Business people had seen interest rates three times—by 4.5 per cent—recently with a devastating impact on industry. In 1979, he said, 4,700 businesses had gone into liquidation while last year it was 14,000.

Specialist urges women to stay with the pill

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Women were yesterday urged not to risk an unwanted pregnancy by giving up the birth control pill. They could protect themselves against cervical cancer, identified in a World Health Organisation study, by sticking to brands with the lowest dose of hormones and by insisting on regular smear tests, said a leading cancer specialist.

Professor Malcolm Pike, director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's epidemiology unit at Oxford, confirmed that the WHO report reinforced British warnings about a possible link between the pill and cervical cancer, and was backed by the United States co-ordinator of the study.

However, Professor Pike said: "I hope we shan't have a surge of unwanted pregnancies. Women can compensate for the risk by going for regular screening form the age of 20. Any pill that stops you ovulating protects you, so the message must be that the lowest does is best.

"The pill does protect women against cancer of the ovaries. The increase in cervical cancer is probably more than compensated for by the decrease in ovarian cancer."

The WHO team reported in yesterday's British medical Journal that its finding supported "a casual relationship" between the pill and cerical cancer. An investigation involving more than 6,000 women in eight countries found that the risk increased the longer the pill was used.

Long-term pill users could run double the risk of cervical cancer, it showed.

The US coordinator, Dr David Thomas, of the Fred Hutchinson cancer research centre, Seattle, said: "What may be happening is that oral contraceptives may help promote cancer in people already predisposed to it for other reasons. The pill might be the cause of the progression of pre-cancerous lesions.

Earlier his counterpart at the WHO in Geneva, Dr Susan Holck, said in an interview on *BBC Radio Four* that the figures given in yesterday's Guardian account of the report were inaccurate. But Dr Thomas said: "Dr Holck was looking at the wrong table when she said that. She made an error. It was entirely understandable."

Dr Holck insisted that the report did not show that the pill caused cervical cancer.

Findings by Professor Pike and his colleague at Oxford, Professor Martin Vessey, had given cause for concern, said the WHO team.

The report is particularly significant because the WHO is heavily committed to the use of oral contraceptives in its vast Third World family planning programme, which will be jeopardised by reports of a cervical cancer risk. Professor Pike said: "The increase in risk does support Professor Vessey's findings".

The Family Planning Association yesterday advised pill-users who had not taken a smear test in the last three years to do so soon.

The WHO report did not mean that there should be any change in pill prescribing, said a spokeswoman. It was already known that women who took the pill for more than five years ran one an a half times more risk of cervical cancer than women who had never taken

Pressure rises for Nacods strike ballot

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vidual collieries and the action that is proposed. However, this immediate post-strike strategy should not be regarded as action within the industry's normal joint procedures. Those procedures will be fully resumed when the assessments have been made."

Nacods argued in court on Thursday that "consequent" redundancies mean compulsory redundancies. The board said it meant that if enough redundancy volunteers were not available at an affected pit, they would be sought elsewhere. The board said yesterday it was not abandoning normal procedures to close pits.

The board says 71 coal faces were lost during the dispute and 42 more were damaged, four seriously.

An NCB spokesman said it was a temporary problem. "We have no intention whatsoever of seeking to close pits without going through the proper review procedure. We stand by our agreement with Nacods, which is sacrosanct.

"There may be circumstances where we simply cannot wait until all the formal consultation machinery has been gone through because of the overriding need to safeguard the industry's future."

The strike ballot call came from the South Wales Nacods executive, endorsing a delegate conference decision. Area general secretary, Mr Glyn Jones, warned that up to eight South Wales pits could close this year if the board was not resisted.

"Some delegates were so incensed that they wanted to take industrial action today. It was only through the persuasiveness of our officers that this was averted," he said. "I feel we will have support from areas such as Durham, Scotland, and Kent.

The board says Bedwas has no future because its two faces were lost during the strike but Nacods and NUM branch officials insist production could be resumed on one face with extensive reserves.

Mr Malcolm Compton, the Yorkshire Nacods executive member, said a national ballot was "inevitable" sooner or later. Feelings were "very high" in Yorkshire.

"It's not just the breach of the agreement. It's a culmination of events, the board's attitude towards the association." He said he had received a string of complaints about the board's orders to Nacods members.

A Yorkshire area board spokesman said: "A lot of custom and practice has gone by the board because we are not in a situation of normal working."



Mrs Karyn Nicholson, widow of Maj. Arthur Nicholson who was killed by Soviet guards in East Germany, with her daughter Jenny, eight, at a runway ceremony at RAF Main airbase before the flag-draped coffin containing her husband's body was put on a flight to the US.



Election plunges Greece into constitutional crisis

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ernment were high. The left-right political tension was already intense, as this is an election year, when three weeks ago the ruling Socialists unexpectedly decided not to back the veteran conservative, Mr Karamanlis, for a second term, and coupled their nomination of Mr Sartzetakis, then a Supreme Court judge, with a decision to amend the constitution tailored by Mr Karamanlis to strip the presidency of its past.

For both right and left, the move signalled more than the easing out of an old politician, being seen as the removal of, respectively, a restraining or restricting influence at the centre of power. Mr Karamanlis responded by resigning a day later, and was replaced in an acting capacity by Mr Alevras.

But the first ballot two weeks ago revealed the extent of the Government's gamble.

No result was expected from the first two ballots, as a two-thirds majority was required, and New Democracy, the party founded by Mr Karamanlis, holds more than a blocking third of the seats.

But failure to elect a President on the third ballot, when the threshold drops to three-fifths of the seats, 180 votes, means the dissolution of Parliament, which would have sent Mr Papandreou to the country at a time not of his choosing, without having begun the process of amending the constitution.

In the first ballot, however, without Mr Alevaras's participation but with the support of the Communists and some independents which, added to his own MPs, should have given the vital 180 figures, the Sartzetakis ticket mustered only 178 votes. It was then that the decision was taken to put Mr Alevaras's right to vote to Parliament.

Anti-hooligan backfire

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Federation of Supporters Clubs, said that the Government had cast a slur on his members.

"Why are they picking on us? If anyone examines our recent record it is quite clear that we are among the best behaved fans in Europe. The authorities in Scotland have been doing everything possible to prevent trouble and it has been working. Now all of a sudden the FA are told to put their house in order and it is the Scots who are made to suffer," he said.

Regulations at Scottish grounds are tougher than in England, with alcohol banned, and this has led to a reduction in crowd violence at a time when it has been increasing in England.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, said last night that he was incensed by suggestions that the decision to move the match to Hampden Park was the result of fears of disorder by Scottish supporters. "Nothing could be further from the truth. The English FA was only asked to move the match from the Bank Holiday weekend. There was no Government instruction to change the venue," he said.

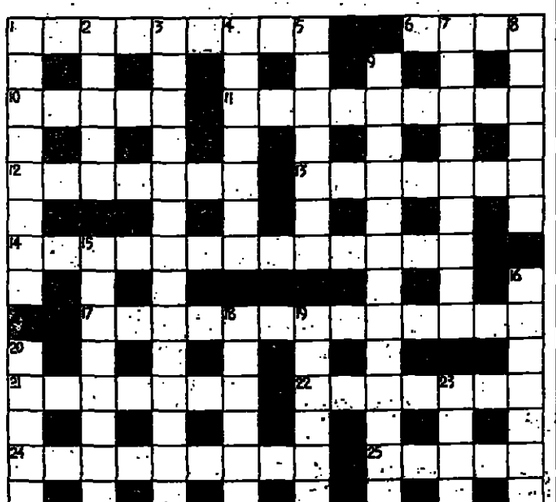
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ACROSS

1 They're at bottom of ships' yards, or top, possibly, with enemies about (4-5).
6 Hoax taking in king is trite stuff (4).
10 Lake's miniature railway a youth overturned (5).
11 End a spell of bowling producing breaks (4-5).
12 One embraced by Henry, initially wild with passion, crazy (7).
13 Family, the sort to get Bolshie (7).
14 Frisky angora nannies, yet they're very old (13).
17 Forged note can't end an absence (3-10).
21 Awfully mean, taking only a single flower (7).
22 Behave boastfully, making Pole waver (7).
24 Sculpture giving arty people a lightening of stress (3-6).

25 Marijuana for an informer (5).
26 Haven ultimately found in desert storm (4).
27 Compact quality, like this hat stuck on head (9).

DOWN

1 Sort of stroke for English workman (8).
2 Theologian in religious setting losing head, strangely (5).
3 Staggering in — dear me! — around one, awfully rich (7, 2, 5).
4 Part of horse's foot, soft at the back (7).
5 Sensational tale — a lot of hair about to stand up (7).
7 Love, given sign about immorality, finds a solution (4-5).
8 End of game inventor set up (2-4).
9 With movement and speech, restricted, Dan, in spring, joked (5, 3, 6).
15 Northern child, prone to get upset internally, a nonentity (3-8).
16 Flowers needed after what sounds like fresh mental disturbances (8).
18 Ornaments seen on chests restrict legs (3-4).
19 Soothing us, feel a shudder (7).
20 Famous old singer, one tucking into a potato? (6).
23 Short prayer for a girl (5).

CROSSWORD SOLUTION 17,197

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'Gaol the thugs'

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tence to be considered. "This is tailor-made for football tearaways," Mr Brittan said, "in that the sessions they are required to attend are normally *on Saturday afternoons.*"

Mr Brittan said he had placed great emphasis on increasing the availability of attendance centres. Under the Conservatives, the total number had risen from 79 to 127 and more were planned.

"I commend them to you as a sentence which imposes a real penalty by depriving youth of their free time, on a day they especially value, while avoiding the negative effects of custody," he said.

Opponents freed

TWELVE prominent political opponents of President Zia ul-Haq were released from gaol in Sind and Punjab provinces yesterday, domestic news agencies reported. The Government would neither confirm nor deny the report.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy, rain at times

TROUGHS of low pressure will cross England, Wales and Ireland from SW while further troughs of low pressure over Scotland move slowly N.

London, E Anglia, SE, Cent S, E, Cent N and NE England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Borders: Rather cloudy, occasional rain and drizzle. Wind SW, fresh or strong. Rather warm, max temp 11-13C (52-55F).

SW and NW England, S and N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland: Mostly cloudy, rain at times, fog on coasts. Wind SW strong, locally gale. Max 10-12C (50-54F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, NW Scotland: Cloudy, occasional sleet or snow mostly turning to rain. Wind variable, moderate. Rather cold, max 4-6C (39-43F).

Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Mostly cloudy, rain at times. Wind S to SW, fresh or strong. Max 7-10C (45-50F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, scattered wintry showers. Wind N to NE, moderate. Cold, max 1-3C (34-37F).

Outlook: Changeable with outbreaks of rain but also some brighter drier periods. Becoming mostly rather warm.

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Thursday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 5C (41F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 9C (48F). Total period: Rainfall .01 in: sunshine nil.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 pm Thursday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 4C (39F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 10C (50F). Total period: sunshine nil; rainfall 0.19in.

TODAY

BST begins 01.00. Sunday, March 31.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	7.26 pm	to	6.28 am
Birmingham	7.06 pm	to	6.16 am
Bristol	7.09 pm	to	6.19 am
Glasgow	7.21 pm	to	6.32 am
London	6.59 pm	to	6.09 am
Manchester	7.06 pm	to	6.17 am
Newcastle	7.06 pm	to	6.12 am
Nottingham	7.04 pm	to	6.14 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	7.03 am	—	7.28 pm
Dover	3.52 am	—	4.46 pm
Liverpool	4.21 am	—	5.16 pm

SUN RISES 6.42 am
SUN SETS 6.29 pm
MOON SETS 3.15 am
MOON RISES 10.16 am
MOON: Full April 5.

AROUND THE WORLD

Lunch-time reports

		C	F
Ajaccio	S	14	57
Amsterdam	S	8	43
Athens	S	17	63
Bahrain	S	25	77
Barbados	S	29	84
Barcelona	S	14	57
Belgrade	S	9	48
Bermuda	F	24	75
Berlin	F	6	43
Biarritz	S	17	63
Birmingham	S	9	48
Bombay	F	31	88
Bordeaux	S	11	52
Boston	F	22	72
Brussels	S	8	46
Budapest	S	8	46
Buenos Aires	F	22	72
Cairo	S	25	77
Cape Town	F	28	82
Casablanca	S	19	66
Chicago	F	6	43
Colombo	S	30	86
Copenhagen	S	3	37
Corfu	S	12	54
Dublin	S	12	54
Faro	S	17	63
Florence	S	12	54
Frankfurt	S	7	45
Funchal	S	18	64
Geneva	S	8	46
Gibraltar	S	17	63
Helsinki	F	-1	30
Hong Kong	S	16	61
Innsbruck	S	2	36
Inverness	S	-2	28
Istanbul	S	14	57
Jersey	S	20	68
Las Palmas	S	21	70
Lisbon	S	14	57
Locarno	S	11	52
London	S	7	45
Los Angeles	S	13	55
Luxembourg	S	9	48
Madrid	S	11	52

C, cloudy; F, fair; Fg, fog; H, rain; S, sunny; Sn, snow.
*Previous day's readings.

TOMORROW

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	8.28 pm	to	6.27 am
Birmingham	8.08 pm	to	6.13 am
Bristol	8.10 pm	to	6.17 am
Glasgow	8.22 pm	to	6.29 am
London	8.01 pm	to	6.07 am
Manchester	8.11 pm	to	6.14 am
Newcastle	8.10 pm	to	6.09 am
Nottingham	8.06 pm	to	6.11 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	9.13 am	—	9.47 pm
Dover	6.33 am	—	7.49 pm
	6.58 am	—	7.57 pm

SUN RISES 6.40 am
SUN SETS 7.31 pm
MOON SETS 4.57 am
MOON RISES 12.32 pm
MOON: Full April 5.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday

	Sunshine hours	Rain ins	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	—	.01	9	48	Rain am
Birmingham	—	.01	9	48	Rain am
Bristol	—	.05	10	50	Rain am
Cardiff	—	.17	10	50	Rain am
Appleby	—	—	7	45	Rain
Blackpool	—	.17	9	48	Rain
Manchester	—	.19	10	50	Rain
Nottingham	—	.14	8	46	Rain
Newcastle	—	.36	8	46	Snow am
Carlisle	—	.43	6	43	Rain
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	—	.20	8	46	Rain
Skegness	—	.08	8	46	Rain
Cromer	—	.10	8	46	Cloudy
Clacton	—	.01	9	48	Cloudy
Margate	—	—	9	48	Cloudy
SOUTH COAST					
Eastbourne	—	—	8	46	Dull
Hastings	—	—	7	45	Cloudy
Eastbourne	—	—	8	46	Dull
Brighton	—	—	7	45	Dull
Worthing	—	—	8	46	Dull
Bognor Regis	—	—	8	46	Dull
Southsea	—	.02	8	46	Rain am
Swanage	—	—	8	46	Cloudy
Sandown	—	—	9	48	Dull
Ventnor	—	.01	7	45	Rain am
Weymouth	—	—	9	48	Cloudy
Poole	—	—	9	48	Cloudy
Swanage	—	—	9	48	Cloudy
Weymouth	—	—	9	48	Dull
Exmouth	—	.02	9	48	Drizzle
Teignmouth	—	.06	10	50	Drizzle
Torquay	—	.07	10	50	Rain
Falmouth	—	.12	10	50	Rain
Penzance	—	.15	10	50	Rain
Jersey	—	0.7	12	54	Cloudy
Guernsey	—	—	12	54	Cloudy

WEST COAST

Scilly Isles	—	.18	10	50	Rain am
Newquay	—	.08	10	50	Rain
Ilfracombe	—	.10	11	52	Dull
Tenby	—	.18	8	46	Cloudy
Cohens Bay	—	.03	12	54	Dull
Southport	—	.42	9	48	Rain
Morecambe	—	.39	8	46	Rain
Douglas	—	.44	8	46	Rain

SCOTLAND

Eskdalemuir	—	.39	4	39	Rain
Prestwick	—	.39	5	41	Rain
Glasgow	—	.28	2	36	Snow
Tiree	—	.28	2	36	Snow
Stornoway	2.7	.06	2	36	Snow
Lerwick	7.5	.05	1	34	Sleet
Wick	7.4	.04	2	36	Sleet am
Kinloss	2.9	.02	2	36	Snow pm
Aberdeen	2.5	.09	2	36	Snow pm
St Andrews	—	.13	1	34	Snow
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	—	.22	13	55	Rain pm

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Wthr	C
	50	180	Good	Fine	0
Excellent skiing	130	290	Good	Fine	-2
Slush on lower runs					
Grindelwald	40	150	Good	Snow	1
Good skiing in all areas					
Verbier	55	190	Good	Fine	4
Excellent skiing conditions					
Wengen	35	115	Good	Fine	5
Good skiing					

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

TODAY

London

All times GMT

Alouette 2R: 20.02–20.08 NNW. 80ENE SSE*.

Bulsaria 1300: 20.06–20.15 NNW 60WSW S.

Cosmos 236: 20.28–20.33 WSW 60N 60°; 22.07–22.08 WNW 20WNW WNW*.

Radiograv 2R: 19.27–19.35 NNE 40E SSE: 21.05–21.13 N 35NW SW.

Manchester

Alouette 2R: 20.02–20.08 NNW. 60NNE SSE*.

Bulsaria 1300: 20.05–20.15 NNW 70WSW S; 21.50–21.53 WNW 15W W.

Cosmos 236: 20.28–20.33 WSW 75ENE ENE*; 22.07–22.08 WNW 25WNW WNW*.

Radiograv 2R: 19.27–19.34 NE 30E. SSE: 21.05–21.13 N 45NW SW.

TOMORROW

All times BST

London

Alouette 2R: 21.01–21.07 NNW. 75SSE SSE.

Bulsaria 1300: 20.52–21.01 NNW 65WNW S; 22.37–22.39 WNW 10WNW W.

Cosmos 236: 21.00–21.12 WSW 60NW ENE*; 22.45–22.47 WNW 35NNW WNW*.

Radiograv 2R: 21.17–21.26 NNE 80WSW SSW: 22.56–23.02 N 20W WW.

Manchester

Alouette 2R: 21.00–21.07 NNW 80NE SSE.

Bulsaria 1300: 20.51–21.01 NNW 75WSW S; 22.36–22.40 WNW 15W WSW.

Cosmos 236: 21.06–21.12 WSW 80SW ENE*; 22.44–22.47 W 50NW NW*.

Radiograv 2R: 21.17–21.25 NNE 70NE SSW: 22.56–23.02 N 20W WW.

SCOTTISH SKI RESORTS

Cairngorms: Upper runs and middle runs: complete, wide cover of new snow on a firm base lower slopes complete, new snow on a firm base vert runs: 2000ft. hill roads: good main roads: clear snow level: 1700ft.

Glenshee: Upper runs, some runs complete: new snow on a hard base lower slopes: very little new snow vert runs 1,000ft hill road: and main roads: clear snow level: 2000ft.

Glencoe (Open Saturday, Sunday, Monday only): Upper runs, some runs, complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, new snow vert runs: 1200ft hill roads, light snow main roads: clear snow level: 1000ft.

Leadhills: Upper runs and middle runs: complete, new snow on a firm base lower slopes: ample nursery areas of new snow on a firm base vert. runs: 700ft. hill roads, and main roads: clear snow level: 2000ft.

Outlook: more unsettled with rain. Remainder cloudy with hill fog patches. Winds moderating.

SEA PASSAGES

All passages rough or very rough.

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